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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
DESPITE THE DRASTIC MEASURES TAKEN AT THE LAST MINUTE BY THE DUTCH AUTHORITIES, THE NAZI FIFTH COLUMN PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE OPERATIONS IN HOLLAND AND THE FINAL COLLAPSE OF RESISTANCE.

A grim report just received in Paris from the Havas correspondent in Amsterdam reveals for the first time the full extent of the activities of Germans within Holland.

MECHANISED ARMIES IN GREAT CLASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Brussels, To-day.

The greatest mechanised battle in history is now being started and the Belgians are entering it with good chances of withstanding the terrific push of the German war machine, in the opinion of military experts.

The German aim seems to be to seize Brussels as soon as possible and crush Belgian resistance in the Ardennes and so reach the French frontier.

The Germans thus are driving in the general direction of Antwerp, Louvain and Charleroi.

Allied resistance is being organised behind the Meuse and Sambre Rivers.

Late last night the Belgian news agency confirmed that the Belgian line nowhere had been broken and the Army Command has the situation well in hand.

It is repeated that the Allied Embassies do not intend to evacuate Brussels.—Havas.

Covering Action

London, To-day.

The present phase of the struggle in Belgium is recognised in London as a covering action, the brunt of which is being borne by the heroic Belgian army pending the main encounter between the German and Allied troops which cannot be said yet to have begun.

The Germans were able to choose their own moment for the attack and Belgian neutrality precluded any advance contact

So great was the confusion in the big Dutch cities that the Havas correspondent, together with the French, British and Polish diplomatic missions and residents in Holland were forced to leave.

The party crossed the capital, The Hague where a state of utmost confusion prevailed.

Nazi guerillas, the correspondent states, were actually in possession of a large part of the city and were firing from the roofs of buildings around the Government offices.

A Frenchwoman in the correspondent's party was shot through the head by a stray bullet.

The Government was compelled, so serious was the situation, to recall one division of troops from the front to fight the local Germans.

In Rotterdam also, German residents played an important part in seizing key positions in the city and the airport.

The local Germans acted before the Dutch High Command even knew the country was at war with Germany.

The Havas representative confirms that the Dutch set fire to all stocks of petrol rather than surrender them to the Nazis.—Havas.

German Communiqué

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The German troops in Holland yesterday reached positions enabling them to compel an early surrender of the Netherlands, military quarters in Berlin state.

An official communiqué stated: — "We are behind the main lines and in a position to compel an early surrender."

In Belgium, the communiqué says, German troops are advancing in three

between the Allied and Belgian High Commands.

The full weight of Allied support in terms especially of mechanised troops could not be brought to bear on the early phase of the operations.

It will, however, thanks to the determined delaying tactics of the Belgians, be available in the critical stage of the battle which is now developing. —British Wireless.

NAZIS MASS ON SWISS FRONTIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Zurich, To-day.

Important concentrations of German troops are reported on the Swiss frontier. There are no details.—Havas.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS ROUT DEMONSTRATORS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

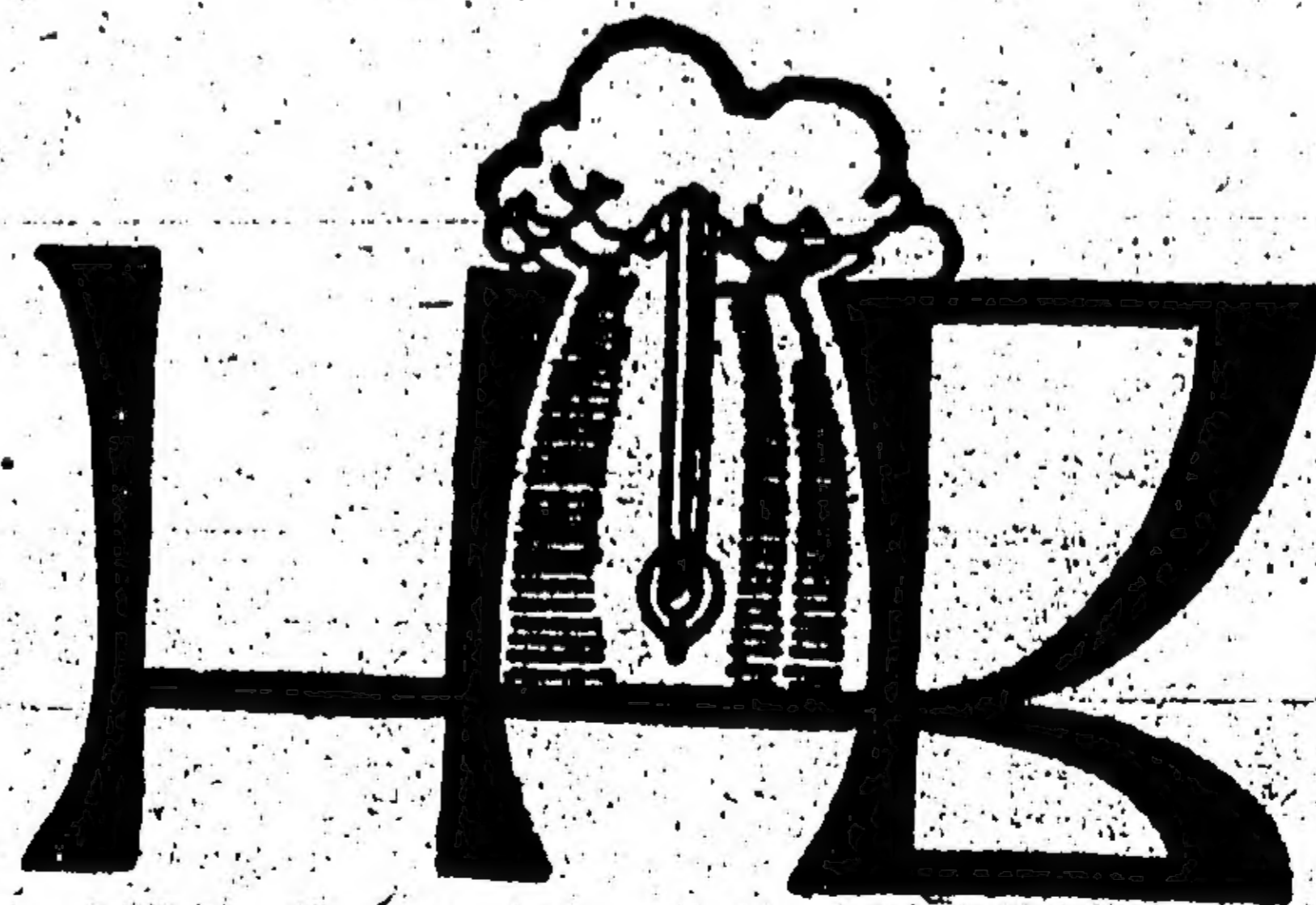
Rome, To-day.

Soldiers yesterday routed a mob of demonstrators headed for the British Embassy in Rome with a mock coffin.

Both the French and British diplomatic headquarters are being guarded by troops and police.

Yesterday's demonstrations were principally by students who had been given another day's holiday.—Havas.

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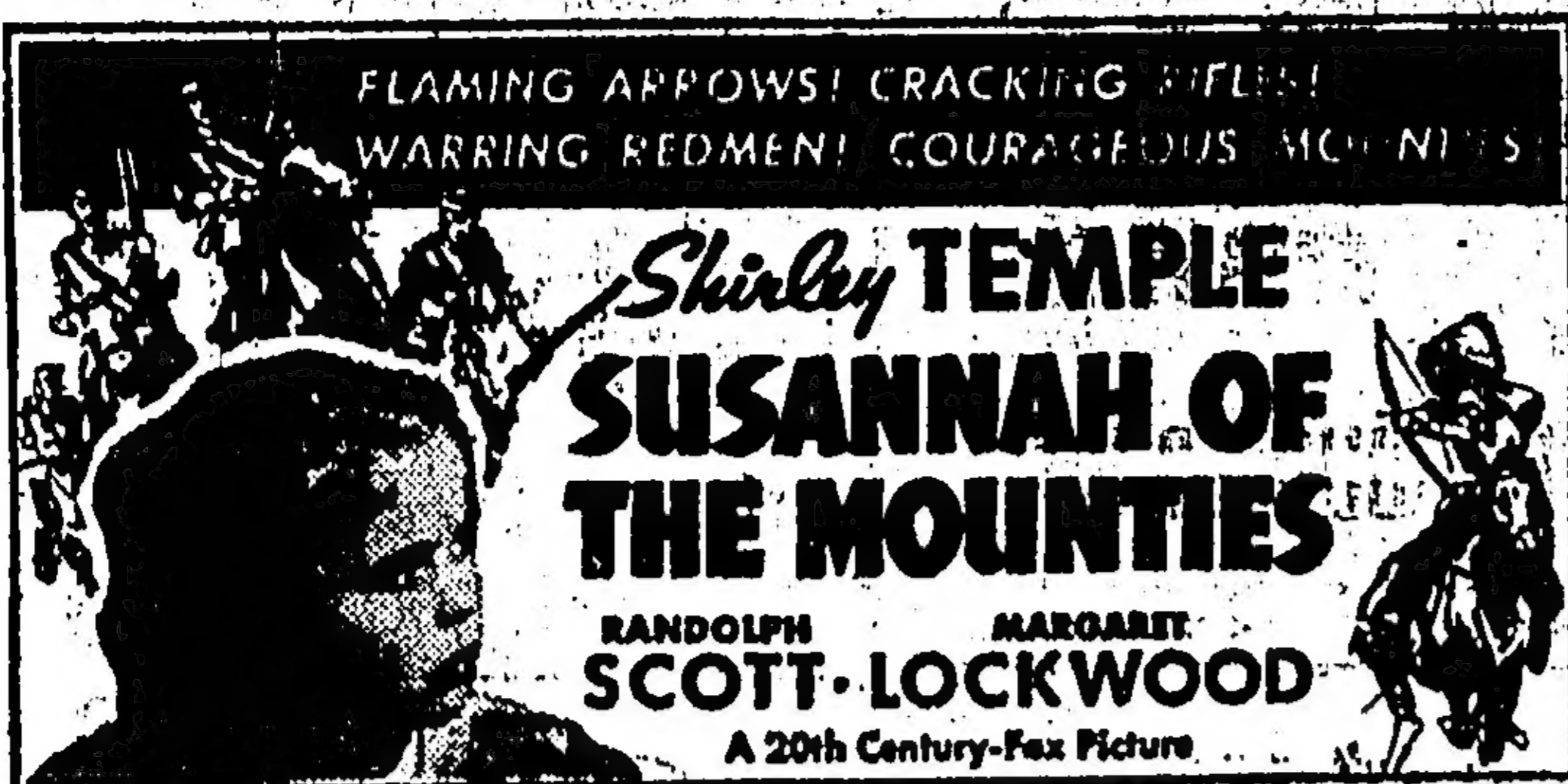


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GERMANS BATTER AT WHOLE 250 MILE FRONT

PARIS, TO-DAY.
THE GERMANS ARE STEADILY BATTERING AT
THE WHOLE 250-MILE FRONT, ACCORDING
TO WELL-INFORMED FRENCH MILITARY CIR-
CLES.

Most important part of the front, it is stated here,
is the Ardennes region and the line of the
Meuse.

The great Battle of the Meuse can be said to have
begun on Monday evening, and yesterday was
expected to see the advance guard of the mas-
sive German forces attempt to cross the Meuse.

The situation in Holland is described
as extremely grave. The Germans
have advanced in the Arnhem region
and are pushing fiercely towards Rot-
terdam, where they may have joined
up with the troops holding out there.
The Dutch are still resisting strong-
ly with splendid courage.

Most reassuring factor is that the
bulk of the British and French forces
are continuing to take up their posi-
tions in north and central Belgium
without being appreciably disturbed
by the enemy.

Great Battle

Fighting continues east of the line
on which the Allied Command intends
to give battle.

Throughout Monday a great battle
waged between French and German
armoured columns.

Liege is still holding out and the
great battle in that region has not yet
begun.—Reuter.

PRO-ALLY SENTIMENT SWEEPING AMERICA

Washington, To-day.

A wave of pro-Ally senti-
ment is sweeping the United
States, and President Roose-
velt's speech on Saturday,
which was considered some-
what daring in certain poli-
tical quarters, was actually
surpassed by Secretary of
State Cordell Hull's speech
on Monday.

The announcement that the United
States is willing to join other Ameri-
can Republics in a protest to Ger-
many over the invasion of the Low
Countries, is hailed here as a step in
advance of either speech.

The "Washington Star" says Mr.
Cordell Hull notified war-mad Ger-
many that America henceforth is
allied, morally, at least, with the De-
mocracies battling for their lives.

But this is not enough, the news-
paper asserts, and calls for practical,
tangible assistance for the Allies and
the cessation of "quibbling" about how
and when payments for aircraft plant
should be made.

The journal says the United States
had far better make an outright gift
of planes and guns to Britain and
France.—Reuter.

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RIGHT MAN TO TACKLE BRITISH MAN-POWER ISSUES

London, To-day.

TWO OF THE NEW Ministerial appointments have aroused special interest and comment and the bringing of the Trade Union leader, Mr. Ernest Bevin, from outside politics to serve as Labour Minister and to direct the organisation of manpower for the war effort is cordially welcomed on all hands.

The "Yorkshire Post" said: "Mr. Bevin, a dynamic personality who commands unequalled confidence from Trade Unionists everywhere, is the right man to tackle the manpower problems of our war effort."

In a speech on Monday night Mr. Bevin said no vested interests must be allowed to stand in the way of getting the workers working.

That was, he believed, the policy of the new Government, and in that belief he was going to ask the work-people to work like hell.

Other appointments which have been scrutinised with special attention by political writers is that of Mr. Amery to the India Office.

Of it, the "Manchester Guardian" said: "There is hardly one more critical or one which, if it had reflected Mr. Churchill's past views, might be more disastrous."

—NO DIEHARD.

Mr. Amery, however, has not been an India diehard. His speeches in the controversy of 1934/5 were marked by foresight and a liberal spirit and we would ask nothing better than he should stick to the principles he then laid down, "wherever we have given self-government in our strength in the past it has succeeded," and "in building up this Empire we have more than once ventured upon great acts of faith and they have succeeded."

The "News Chronicle" recalls Mr. Amery was born in India.—British Wireless.

ALL FRENCH ON LEAVE RECALLED

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued last night by the Ministry of National Defence ordered all soldiers released for farming work to rejoin their units immediately.—Reuter.

LIANG HUNG-CHIH ARRIVES IN PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

Liang Hung-chih, president of the control yuan in the Wang Ching-wei government, has arrived here to confer with local Chinese and Japanese officials. Liang is reported to be asking Wang Keh-min, chairman of the North China political council, to resign and accept the appointment of Ambassador to Japan. It is not yet known whether Wang Keh-min has agreed.—Havas.

FIVE-YEAR-PLAN FOR NORTH CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

The North China political council has drafted a five-year plan aiming to increase production in the northern areas. The plan is expected to be enforced in June. The scheme provides for the sowing of wheat in wastelands in North China.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

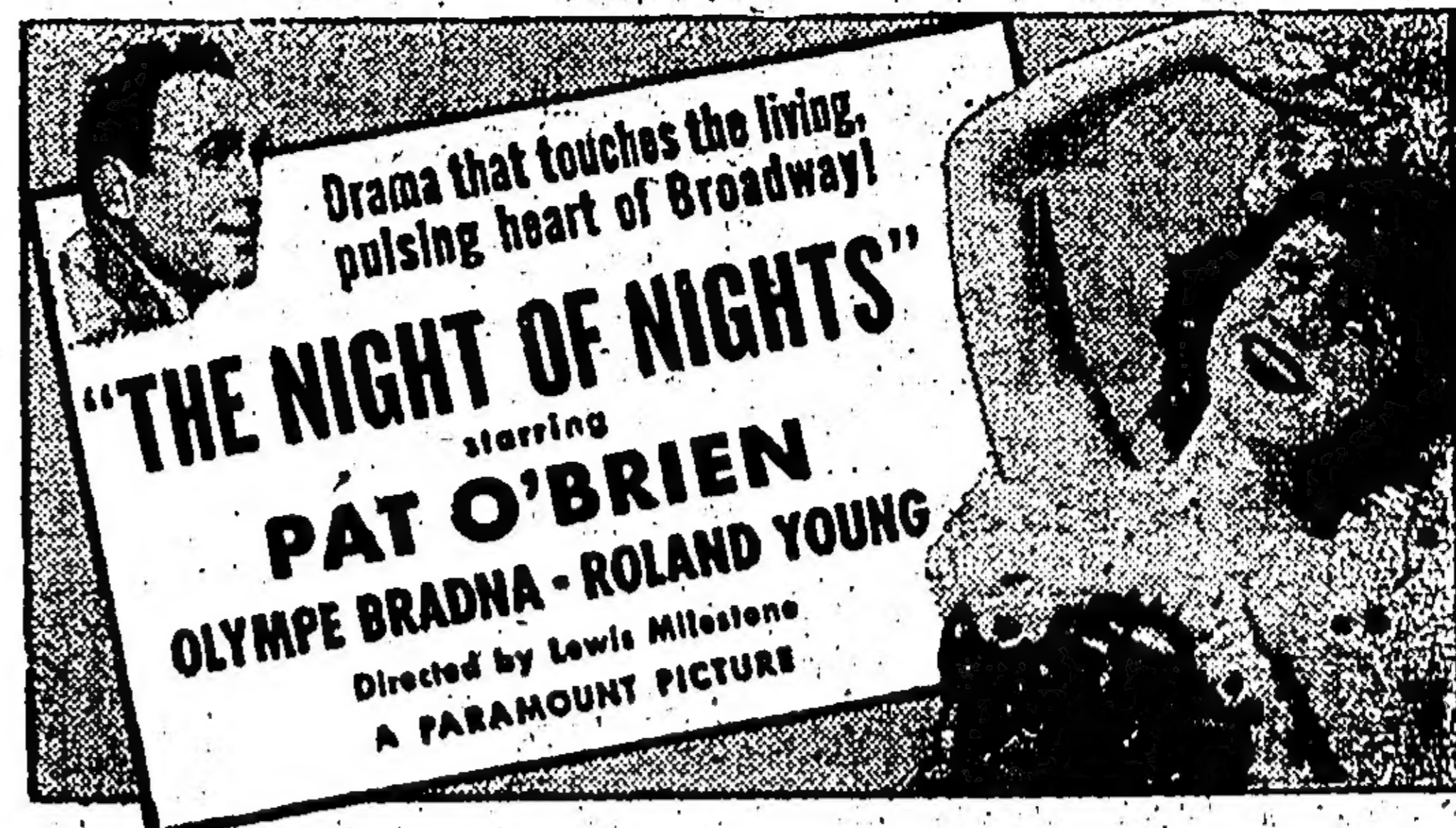
The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved eastward and increased considerably in intensity. Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Tokyo, and is relatively low over Indo-China. A depression is probably approaching Shanghai from the westward.

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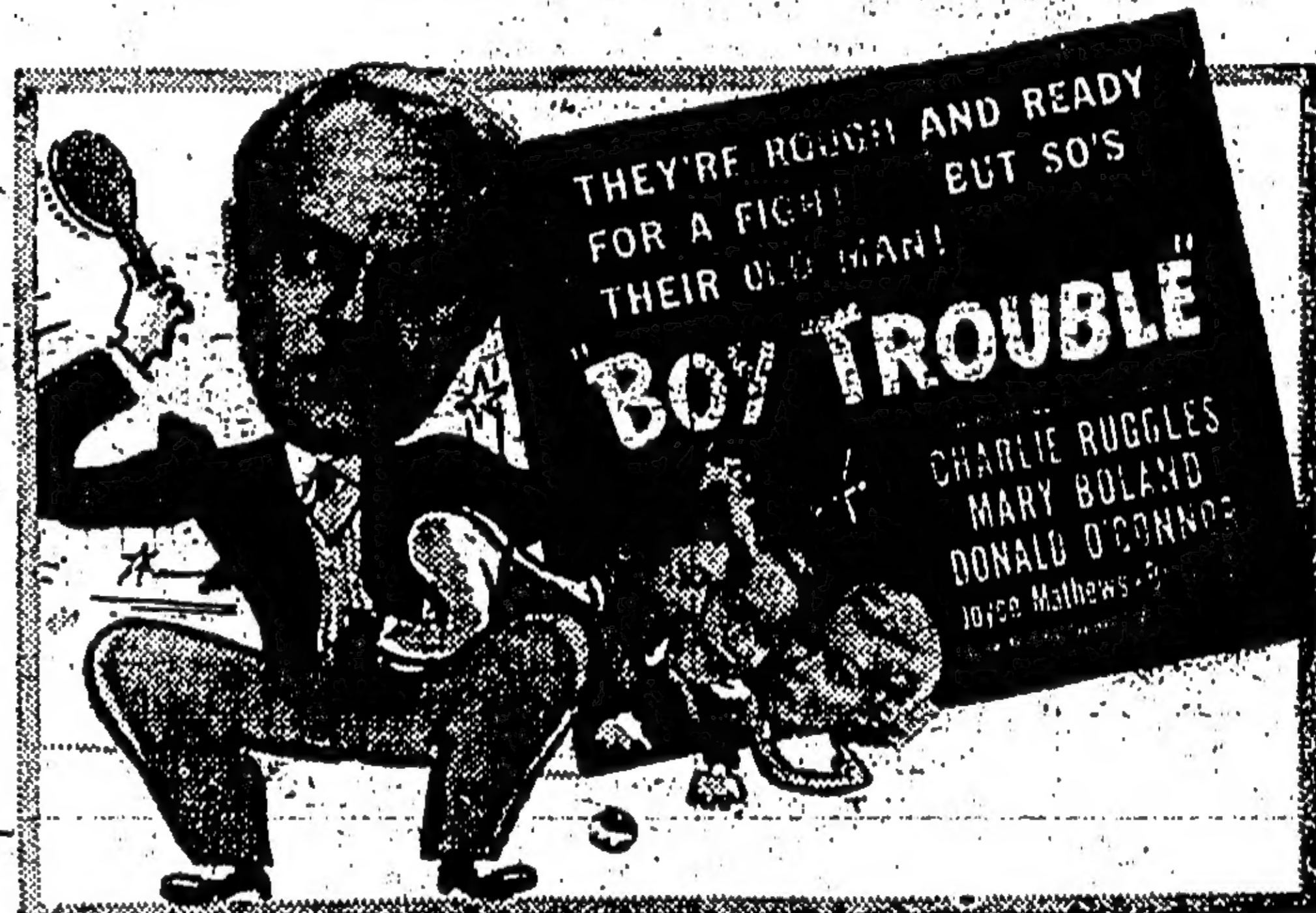
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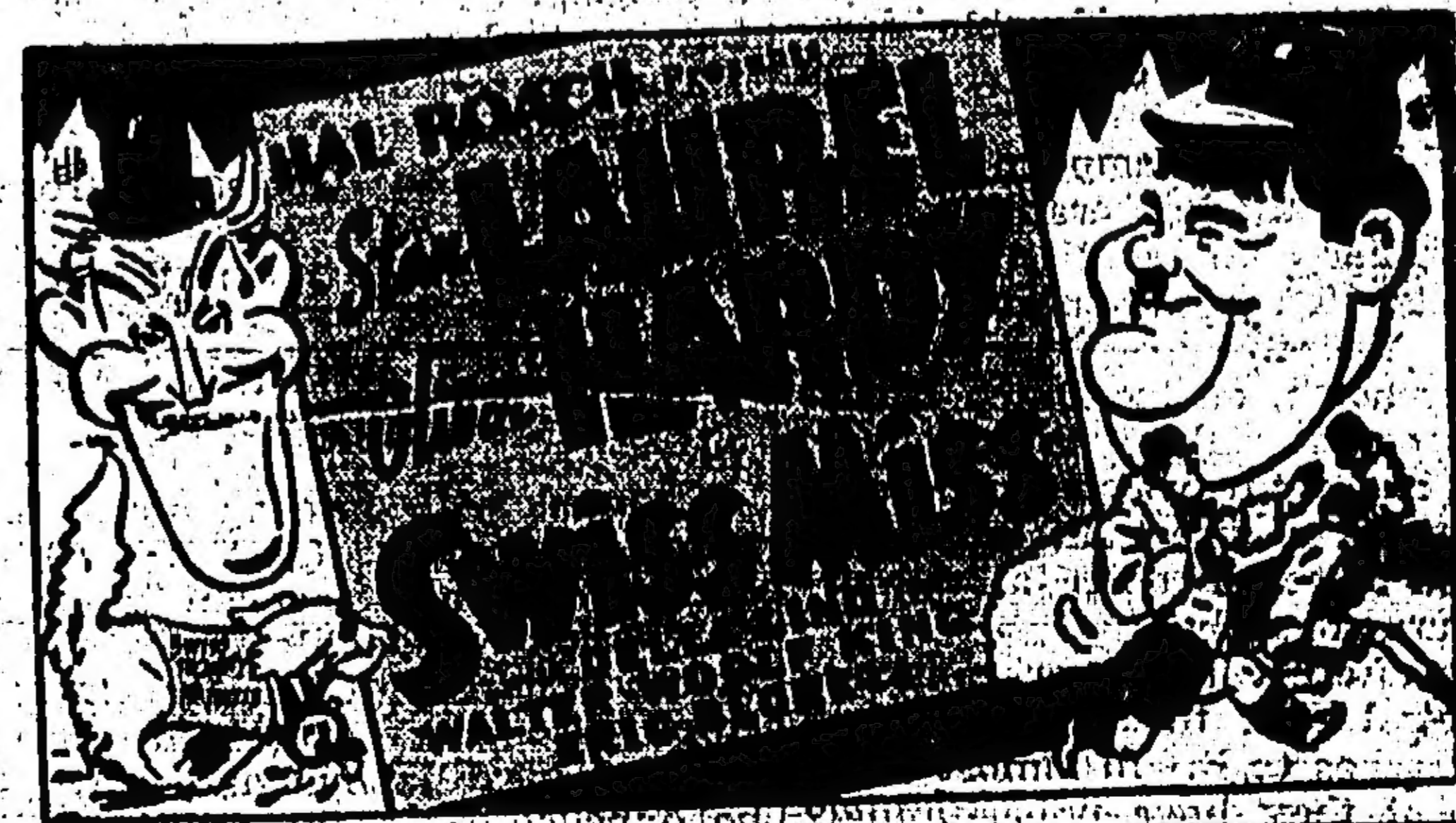
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ALL AVAILABLE R.A.F. FORCES CONCENTRATED

Almost Continuous Nazi Air Raids Yesterday

Dog-Fights All Along Front

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the R.A.F.)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, TO-DAY. BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F. ADVANCED STRIKING FORCE ARE ATTACKING WITH THE FULLEST POSSIBLE VIGOUR THE GERMAN ARMIES ENGAGED IN A FRESH THRUST FROM BELGIUM ROUND THE CORNER OF THE MAGINOT LINE.

No details are yet available regarding the action taken but it is understood all available serviceable aircraft are being concentrated for this task.

Yesterday's almost continuous German air raid over north-east France also testifies to the sharp increase in the tempo of the air war with the German attack against the Low Countries.

When the German air force paid their usual early morning call yesterday, a number of bombs fell on a village, wrecking a small maternity hospital and two houses and killing a number of people.

An Air Ministry communique says the object of our air operations in the battle now developing in the Low Countries has been to harass the enemy's deployment and communications and to protect the advance of the Allied troops.

Throughout Monday and Tuesday night our bombers continued to attack enemy road and railway bridges to the Belgian and Dutch battlefields.

Four To One Successes

Considerable damage was done to enemy lines of communications. Roads in Brabant were successfully blocked.

Further north, on the Dutch battlefield, important railway bridges were attacked and fires seen to break out.

Our fighter aircraft have been constantly on patrol over the battlefield and the approaches to it, and in a day's work our fighter pilots inflicted on the enemy at least four times the loss they themselves suffered.—Reuter.

French Air Activity

The French communique states:—Our aviation powerfully and efficiently intervened in the battle. Moreover, many aerial reconnaissances were made during the night of May 12.

Bombing expeditions have been successfully carried out on strategic points and on military convoys. During these aerial encounters 15 enemy planes have been brought down in our territory.—Reuter.

Hurricane's Feat

In spite of poor visibility and bad flying conditions considerable damage was done to the enemy's lines of communication.

The Whitley and Hampden bombers carrying out these operations used parachute flares to assist in identifying targets. They encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Further north, on the Dutch battlefield, important railway bridges were attacked and a fire was seen to break out following a direct hit from 4000 feet. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

Fighter aircraft have been constantly on patrol over the battlefield and the approaches to it. In almost every engagement they have unhesitatingly attacked formations far larger than their own.

In one encounter three Hurricanes attacked 32 enemy bombers and

fighter escorts near Bouziers. One Messerschmitt 110 and one Heinkel 111 were shot down.

In this fight a Hurricane pilot forced another Heinkel 111 to crash, landed beside the enemy aircraft and took the crew prisoner.

In the grim battle now in progress the utmost gallantry and audacity are being shown by the crews of our aircraft.—British Wireless.

RACE TO BUILD SHIPS

BRITAIN IS TO PRODUCE SHIPS BY MASS PRODUCTION IN A NEW DRIVE AGAINST THE MENACE OF THE U-BOATS.

Within a few weeks every shipyard in the country will be building, working at full capacity on the type of vessel best suited to the particular yard—and completing them faster than ships can be sunk.

News of the great new shipbuilding plan is revealed by Mr. William Westwood, secretary of the Shipwrights' Association, who says:

"Each yard will build one type of ship only, and that type will be the one it can build fastest and most economically."

The ships will be called emergency ships, will be built with the minimum of labour, since skilled shipbuilders are already scarce.

Unlike the standard ships of the last war they will be built to last.

NAZIS MADE TO PAY MORE FOR TIMBER

Riga timber merchants have heard from agents in Germany that the Reich has agreed to pay prices averaging 17.4 per cent. higher for Latvian timber.

The greatest increase is applicable to plup wood.

Shipments to Germany from all Latvian ports will start as soon as navigation can be resumed.

CAUGHT AFTER LONG CHASE

Charged with larceny of a paper parcel containing \$500 in Chinese currency from a woman who was purchasing vegetables in Argyle Street yesterday, Chan Sze, 23, unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Three Indian constables chased and arrested accused.

HITLER'S KIDNAPPING MANIA

Paris, To-day. It is revealed here that a detachment of German paratroopers descended at Chateau Leaken, where Queen Elizabeth, King Leopold's mother, has been staying for the past few days. The Germans were quickly mopped up and the Queen's only comment was that it was an incident of no importance beside Belgium's trials.—Reuter.

GAINS AND LOSSES IN BLOCKADE

LONDON, TO-DAY. THE EFFECT OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF DENMARK, NORWAY, HOLLAND AND BELGIUM HAS BEEN TO DEPRIVE BRITAIN OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES IMPORTED FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH MUST NOW BE OBTAINED ELSEWHERE.

On the other hand Dutch and Belgian mercantile tonnage is now available for use on behalf of the Allied cause. While exact figures are not available it is probably safe to say the tonnage which will presently be running under Allied direction will be the largest merchant fleet the world has ever known.

The task of the Allied contraband control will also be greatly simplified.

As result of this and of the dislocation of trade and industry, Germany will be a heavy loser once she has exhausted whatever supplies she is able to seize in areas she may succeed in occupying.—British Wireless.

RETRIBUTION AT LAST

Two recent burglaries at No. 15, Gramplan Road, the residence of Senior Sanitary Inspector A. Sinton, had a sequel before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning when Leung Kwai, 18, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Det. Sgt. J. Johnston, prosecuting, stated accused had been given food and free lodging by Mr. Sinton for the last two years when he was unemployed. Accused had been convicted on a similar charge about a month ago when he stole Master Sinton's money box.

On May 7 during complainant's absence, accused visited the house and stole \$25, a cash box and a raincoat. He revisited the place five days later and stole a sum of money.

Accused was arrested last night with all the money still in his possession.

DEVELOPMENT IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hankin, To-day. Despite unprecedented difficulties the ambitious "five-year plan" inaugurated by the Manchukuo Government has weathered its third year, according to Mr. Yoshitomo Surukida, vice-director of the General Affairs Board. Mining and manufacturing made good progress in the face of an acute shortage of necessary materials while iron and steel reached 80 per cent. of the quota.—Havas.

6,000 OR 7,000 NAZI PLANES IN BELGIUM

Paris, To-day.

The German High Command has ordered its 6,000 or 7,000 planes on the Belgian front to attack ruthlessly both civil and military objectives, says a message from Brussels.

The despatch says: "Since yesterday there have been numerous attacks on open cities and huge fires have been caused by bombs on Namur."

"Part of Liege has undergone intensive bombing for 12 hours. On the roads motorcars carrying evacuees are pitilessly pursued."

"Brussels banks this morning declared a moratorium on withdrawals. On post office accounts only 5,000 francs a fortnight can be withdrawn."

Bank Queues

"Long queues are waiting before the Bank of Belgium and post offices but there is no sign of panic. Although the people are preparing to leave the capital at short notice, it is not through fear of danger, as the population has shown remarkable courage since the invasion began."

"Belgians prefer to risk great danger on the roads and railways rather than the horrors of German occupation."—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY OF SPAIN

London, To-day.

It has come to the notice of His Majesty's Government that malicious reports are circulating to the effect that the Allies are preparing to take hostile action against Spanish possessions.

It should scarcely be necessary to emphasise the fact that these reports are mendacious and entirely without foundation. As has already been stated in the House of Commons, His Majesty's Government intend to respect the strict neutrality of Spain so long as it is respected by others.—British Wireless.

QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO FOSTER-GUARDIANS

London, To-day.

The Queen is sending a personal message by post on a specially designed card to every householder who cared for children, mothers and others moved in the early part of the war under the Government's evacuation scheme—the total recipients are estimated at 320,000.

"I know that to this unselfish task you have sacrificed much of your own comfort," says the message, "and that could not have been achieved without the loyal co-operation of all in your household."

Queen Elizabeth says she wishes to mark by this message her appreciation of the service they have rendered the country.—British Wireless.

RALLY CALL BY QUEEN WILHELMINA

London, To-day.

A proclamation to the Netherlands people has been issued by Queen Wilhelmina in London.

The proclamation states that the Government is now in England, and is not prepared to capitulate, and that therefore all territory in the Netherlands in Dutch hands in Europe and in the East and West Indies forms a sovereign state able to keep its place as a full member of the community of states and, in particular, in the joint deliberations of the Allies.

In those parts of the country where the usurper has established domination, local civilian authorities are to do all they can in the interests of the population and for the maintenance of order.

Queen Wilhelmina said: "As soon as it became certain that we and our Ministers could no longer freely direct our country in Holland, we decided, much against our desire, to transfer the seat of Government abroad.

"As soon as the situation permits we shall return to Holland.

Cause Will Prevail

"Be assured our cause will prevail. The Netherlands High Command still makes all military decisions.

"My heart goes out to my compatriots in the fatherland.

"With God's help we shall win. Remember the olden days; it will be so again.

"Do all you can to help our cause."

—Reuter.

South African Offer

Capetown, To-day.

If it becomes necessary for Queen Wilhelmina and the Netherlands Royal Family to find refuge in South Africa, the South African nation would regard it as an privilege to do something to return the kindness extended to President Kruger, General Smuts, Prime Minister, said in the Union Parliament yesterday.

During the Boer War, it will be recalled, Kruger was taken off by a Dutch warship and took refuge in Holland.—Reuter.

BELGIAN TROOPS HOLD ON MAGNIFICENTLY IN CENTRAL AREA

London, To-day.

BROADCASTING YESTERDAY on the military situation, M. Pierlot, the Belgian Prime Minister, said that since Monday many attacks had been made at many points on the Belgian front.

The Belgian troops resisted admirably and at the end of the day retained all their positions. Certain modifications were made in the dispositions of their troops in accordance with the plan of the High Command but this was done following orders and without incident.

There were more attacks yesterday morning but none succeeded in piercing the Belgian lines. The situation was normal and no parachutists had descended on Brussels on Monday or Tuesday.

The enemy on Monday bombed Namur, Antwerp and other places, and enemy planes machine-gunned pitilessly trains containing civilian refugees.

He was afraid there had been a great number of victims among the population and conditions recalled those of 1914.

M. Pierlot said: "The hour will come

when everything will be repaid. Let us keep our morale intact and our will firm as the hard struggle and the needs of the country demand."—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT READY TO LEAVE BRUSSELS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

The Government was expected to leave Brussels in the course of yesterday. All precautions have been taken to place the archives in safety. —Havas.

FIGHTING WITHIN 35 MILES OF BRUSSELS

Brussels, To-day.

MANY LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS at various points were announced by the Belgian High Command in a noon communique yesterday. Belgian troops were resisting the pressure of the enemy forces. During the night, advance Belgian troops had to retire.

In Central Belgium, French mechanised units inflicted heavy losses on German mechanised columns south-east of Tirelemont and St. Trond.

Despite enemy claims, it is by no means clear whether or not the defences of Liege have fallen.

Allied troops have not been successfully hampered from taking up positions in north and central Belgium, and they are now fighting east of the line on which the Allied command intends to give battle.

The strong resistance put up by the Belgians when they took the first shock of the invasion has enabled the Allied forces to join up without difficulty and reinforcements of men and material are arriving steadily.—Reuter.

Fighting Near Gette

Brussels, To-day.

A Belgian army communique says that during the night of May 13 Belgian forces took up in good order and without suffering any losses new defence positions in accordance with the plan of operations.

They are supported by the Allied armies.

At Namur, our troops are strongly resisting violent attacks by mechanised troops supported by aerial bombardment.

During Monday, Belgian motorised units and cavalry corps fought a brilliant engagement in the region of Gette.—Reuter.

PARACHUTIST LYNCHED IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, To-day.

Several Nazi parachutists came down here during yesterday morning and were captured by civilians as they landed.

An angry crowd lynched one when he tried to shoot them down.—Reuter.

BELGIUM LINKED UP IN CURRENCY BLOC

London, To-day.

The Treasury announces that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Belgian and French Finance Ministers have concluded a tri-partite financial agreement by which reciprocal financial facilities for settlement of their expenditures are granted as between Belgium and France, on one hand, and as between Belgium and the United Kingdom, on the other hand.

This agreement is a token of the financial and monetary solidarity of the three countries with a view to their common victory.—Reuter.

TRAIN MACHINE-GUNNED AT TOURNAI

Paris, To-day.

According to the French wireless, Nazi planes machine-gunned a train as it drew into Tournai station.

There were 650 German prisoners of war on board the train. Twenty were killed.—Reuter.

QUEEN WILHELMINA AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

London, To-day.

Queen Wilhelmina will return to Holland as soon as possible. She spent yesterday quietly at Buckingham Palace.—Reuter.

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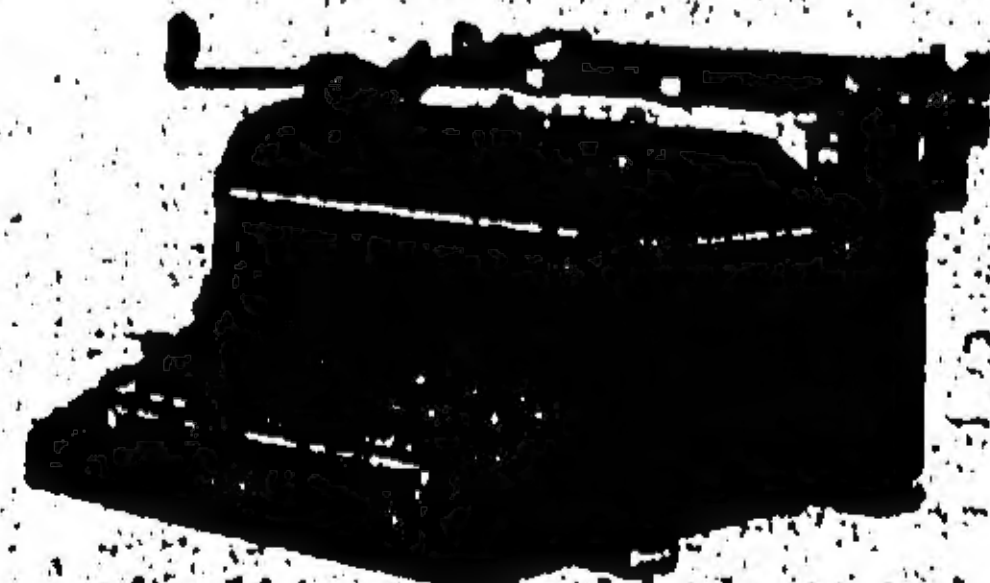
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DUTCH LAY DOWN ARMS

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Amsterdam, To-day.

At 11.30 last night General Winkelman, the Dutch Commander-in-Chief, broadcast the following message to the Netherlands people:

"I am informing you we have been compelled to lay down our arms. The troops fought with indomitable courage but the fight was too unequal.

"During four days' struggle our forces suffered such losses that they were unable to do any more to protect our civilian population.

"I do not feel free to sacrifice the civilian population. We shall bear the present trial with the same courage that we defended our country.

"Long live Holland and the Queen." — Havas.

Earlier Message

The last previous message issued by the Dutch Command stated:

Amsterdam, To-day.

According to the Dutch Commander-in-Chief yesterday, the military position in Holland was as follows:—

The northern provinces are in the hands of the enemy. Attempts to attack the dam across the mouth of the Zuyder Zee were frustrated.

Rotterdam, on the northern side of the River Maas, was in Dutch hands. Helder, an important base in the Hook, was in Dutch hands.

The position in Brabant was uncertain. Zeeland was in Dutch hands.

The Dutch frontier troops had withdrawn to the Water Line. Air defence organizations were still working, despite serious losses.

He concluded:—
"The struggle is difficult — but the fight is worth while! It is a fight for our independence and existence, for the freedom won centuries ago by our Prince of Orange."—Reuter.

Shanghai Doubts

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Some doubt still exists regarding the situation in Holland and the report that the Dutch have laid down their arms.

The local Dutch authorities declare the situation in the Netherlands is confused, and suggest the broadcast attributed to General Winkelman (announcing the Dutch surrender) was actually made by the Nazis, who seized the



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NOW, DO ANY OF YOU SWINE WANT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS?

LAST DAYS IN HOLLAND

London, To-day.

A VIVID DESCRIPTION of conditions in Holland in the last few days is given by a young South African who was a student at Leyden and has now arrived in Britain.

They were awakened at a few minutes after 4 o'clock last Friday morning by the sound of 'planes and anti-aircraft fire, he says, and realised that the war was on. Anxiously, they waited round the wireless, listening to reports of German 'planes and the dropping of parachute troops.

Wood Of Leyden

Near Leyden is a copse, called the "Wood of Leyden," which is a favourite walk. Three kilometres away is a factory, which was being held by the Germans. The factory was being shelled from the wood, the howling shells passing right over the house in which the South African and his fellows lived.

Once, a German parachute soldier landed only 100 yards away. There was a fierce skirmish and "he was destroyed."

At last came instructions from Hilversum telling all British subjects to report personally to the British Consulate as soon as possible.

They left Leyden at 4.45 a.m. the next day, taking the side roads, because the main highway was being bombed.

A Grim Contrast

On the one hand they saw the lovely bulb fields, all aglow with colour. On the other, the main road, with two burnt-out buses and a car on its nose in a bomb crater.

Amsterdam had four air-raid warnings when they got there, and on each occasion they had to leave their taxi and take shelter.

At a certain port they were put on a British cargo-boat.

They slept on straw in the hold, passing a nerve-wracking night. The cook only had rations for the crew, but the good-humour he displayed when people asked for water and tea

Meanwhile, they packed as much of their possessions as they could carry, leaving the rest with friends, who hope to be able to send it to South Africa "one day."

They waited around like this for two days, listening to the radio and watching from their windows German parachute troops dropping here and there.

Occasionally, they dared to venture out. He was in a Leyden square when four German bombers came over. The streets cleared quickly. It was not a panic, exactly, but just the first reaction to fear. Immediately after the 'planes had passed, they all came out, got onto their bicycles and rode on.

The people of Leyden who were in the streets took their lives in their hands, for machine-gun bullets flew all over the streets. He himself nearly got killed by one.

Amsterdam radio station.

They also suggest the message may have been broadcast from another station with the Amsterdam wave-length and call letters. — Havas.

Capitulation

Manila, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Dutch armies have capitulated, according to an Associated Press report from Amsterdam.—Reuter.

HOLLAND'S BELATED WARNING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

"May our example serve, although belatedly, to warn all neutrals who are neighbours of Germany," an important Dutch personality here told Havas yesterday.

"In order not to provoke Germany we refrained from contacting the Allied General Staff. Only a week ago we refused to communicate to the Allies our mobilisation plans and to inform them of our air force arrangements.

"Meanwhile, legions of German spies infested Holland and communicated all our secrets to Berlin.

"We refused a military agreement even with Belgium and took no measures against the Nazis. The invasion was our reward."—Havas.

ILLEGAL FACTORY PREMISES

The manager of the Kwong Chow Electro Plating Company, Sai Wan Ho, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for using the premises, not registered, as a factory.

Mr. D. W. Phillips said he found the place operating as a factory, and over 70 employees working. Work had been carried on at the premises for some time. Defendant was owner of other factories. He was fined \$200.

was amazing.

At last they arrived in England, spending a night in comfort and security, the first in four days.—Reuter.

LORD HARDWICKE IN ROME AFFRAY

Italy On Brink Of Decision

Rome, To-day.

LORD HARDWICKE, A FRIEND of Bruno Mussolini, had his face slapped last night at a cabaret show because he threw an anti-British poster off his table.

He was then detained a couple of hours at the police station on the ground his papers were not in order.

Anti-Allied student demonstrations were also held in various provincial towns, including Milan, where the Prefect appeared on the balcony of the Prefecture and acknowledged the cheers of the demonstrators.

At Naples, thousands of students with Italian and German flags and pictures of the King and Mussolini marched to the Palace of the Crown Prince, cheering the House of Savoy, and Il Duce.

Later they sang patriotic songs outside the offices of the Commanders-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.—Reuter.

"In Sight Of Decisive Phase" Of Italian Action

Rome, To-day.

"We are in sight of that decisive historical phase which will fix the fate and fortunes of our country for future centuries," says "Popolo d'Italia," the newspaper founded by Mussolini.

"The usual band of pacifists, fat rich self-seekers and perverted friends of the Democracies are attempting to launch a campaign to unsettle the Fascist conscience.

"To-day nobody can pretend to be ignorant of the precise directives of Fascist Italy in the European conflict.

"Those who continue to profess ignorance will be treated as an enemy of whom they are potential accomplices."—Reuter.

U.S. Citizens Warned To Leave

Washington, To-day.

American citizens in Italy are being warned to leave the country, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, told the press yesterday.

This represents a change in the Government's attitude towards the possibility of Italy entering the war.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, stated that ten days ago no consideration was being given at the State Department to the issue of such a warning.—Reuter.

RESERVOIR SUICIDE

The body of Chung Yu-ming, a married woman, was recovered from the Aberdeen Reservoir yesterday. The woman jumped into the reservoir on Saturday.

BITTEN BY A DOG

A Chinese woman, Fat Kwai, was bitten by a dog owned by Mr. J. J. Edgar, of York Road, yesterday evening.

EGYPTIAN FRONTIER MEASURES

Cairo, To-day.

The civil inhabitants of frontier towns in the Western Desert are being evacuated where necessary.

The Military Governor has ordered reservists of the Army and Navy now on the retired list to hold themselves in readiness for instant recall.

The leading Italian bank in Alexandria has paid its employees two months salary in advance.

Reinforcement of the Fleet at Alexandria by British and French warships continues.—Reuter.

U.S. TO JOIN IN PROTEST

Washington, To-day.

The United States has expressed its willingness to join the other American republics in a joint declaration of protest to Germany over the invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg.—Reuter.

PATROL 13 HAD ALL THE LUCK

TWELVE TIMES a volunteer group of French soldiers penetrated into the German lines. Each time they did the job they set out to do without any troubles, writes a war correspondent.

Then they went out on the thirteenth patrol and this is what happened—

They were ambushed, machine-gunned, encircled, ambushed again, and finally fought their way back to their own lines.

But their luck held good, for they did not lose a man.

I learned the story of the thirteenth patrol from a young officer who took part in it as a guest. He had been given leave from his staff job, but was given permission to spend his leave with the group "Franc," which does the "dirty work" of patrol on this particular part of the sector.

INSIDE GERMANY

The French knew the Germans were active and sent a patrol out to investigate.

The patrol left their lines at 8.30 p.m. and after an hour of stealthy progress they found themselves in a wood a mile and a half inside Germany.

Suddenly they heard the whispered challenge of a German machine-gunner.

"Who's there?" he said. The French patrol kept quiet, and the nervous gunner began to spatter machine-gun bullets around the wood.

HUSH—HUSH OVER ALIEN

"It is in the national interest that this case should be dealt with first and that this man should be got out of court as soon as possible."

This statement was made by Chief Inspector H. G. Butcher, at Ramsgate when James O'Connell, aged forty-two, of no fixed abode, was charged with failing to report to the police under the Aliens Order.

His nationality was not revealed. "It is not in the national interest that any evidence should be given at the moment," said the inspector.

"In this case he has been arrested under the Aliens Order, Section 11, under which the Secretary of State may, by order, impose upon aliens other restrictions in addition to those already imposed.

"Under that section he was arrested. Under Section 19 any person who acts in contravention or is reasonably suspected of doing so may be taken into custody by an immigration officer, or any constable."

O'Connell made no statement and was remanded in custody for a week.

BRITAIN AND FAR EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

"We expect Mr. Winston Churchill to take a serious view of the Far Eastern situation," says the "Ta Kung Pao" in an editorial praising the new British energy and far-sighted policies and emphasising that Britain is "highly qualified to deal with Asiatic problems with competence and sincerity."

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the paper says, looked for compromise with Japan, but Japan rejected his overtures, for she was bent on destroying the British Empire.

China, on the other hand, "fervently wishes to keep, and further tighten, her friendship with Britain. Mr. Churchill will have to discriminate between Britain's true and false friends in the Far East." — Havas.

BELGIANS CALLING-UP 16'S TO 35'S

Brussels, To-day.

The wireless broadcast an announcement yesterday afternoon that all men between the ages of 16 and 35 belonging to the recruiting reserve are to report for military service.—Reuter.

NOISY DRIVER ON THE PEAK

A public car driver, Kam Kwong, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., for creating a disturbance outside No. 15, Peak Mansions, on April 24.

Sub-Inspector Baysting said the summons was taken out on a complaint by Mr. W. F. Simmons of No. 15, Peak Mansions: defendant had his car outside the complainant's house at about 3.30 a.m. and was starting up the engine, creating a loud noise.

Mr. Simmons told him to stop, but after five minutes, defendant started the noise again. Later, apparently, defendant telephoned his garage and another car came, with a gang of mechanics; who made further noise, at about 5 a.m. Mr. Simmons then informed the Police.

Defendant said he had to start the engine before he could go back to town.

The case was adjourned a week for witnesses to be called.

INJURED BY A CAR

An 8-year-old boy, Kwok Kam was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday for injuries to his head, received when he was knocked down by a car driven by Captain A. O. G. Mills of the R. A. Mess, Lyeemun, in Sai Wan Ho.

CYCLIST HITS BUS

Yip Kwan, 18, admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday with injuries to his forehead, had been cycling in Nathan Road when he collided with the rear of a bus going in the same direction.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

BIT BY BIT

The Nazi plan "swallow your victims one by one" applied originally not to the weak only. The gobbling process was to continue, as the publication of Hitler's visionary map of Europe shows.

Very like the old Pan-German map! And the old plan.

Sing lullaby to noodles, while you annex living-room in bits. Then turn on the sleepy-sick and annex them.

A section of the English ruling class believed for years that Hitler, the confidence trickster of Europe, was their "bulwark against Bolshevism," and that a few shooting parties with Goering and a little friendliness all round with stabbing gangsters would turn the Nazi regime into a tolerable imitation of a rather second-rate public school—with swastikas instead of ties. —"Daily Mirror," London.

NECESSARY PRECAUTION

The manner in which Herr Hitler has in turn flirted with Soviet Russia, and Italy is also something which has to be taken into account by the Italians. At the commencement of the war all German affection went to Moscow, the Rome-Berlin Axis being in existence, which was all that could be said about it. Russia proving a disappointment, the wayward attentions of Herr Hitler have again returned to Rome, and while for purposes of his own policy Signor Mussolini must seek to create the impression that complete trust exists between the two governments, he is unlikely to commit himself too definitely until he is more certain than

he possibly can be at the moment of the Reich's loyalty to the Axis. There is, it is plain to see every reason why Signor Mussolini should move warily, and from that point of view there may be reason for believing his statement that there will be no modification of Italy's status in the near future. That does not, however, mean that when a change does come about the Allies are likely to have much preliminary notice and common prudence necessitates that every disposition possible should be made against the possibility of the situation deteriorating so grievously that war in the Mediterranean becomes inevitable. It is perfectly understandable that irritation should be displayed in Italy over the British decision, but only if Il Duce himself wishes should it lead to any change in British relations with Italy or in Britain's attitude towards questions of common interest to both countries. The situation in fine is that Great Britain regards the behaviour of certain Italian leaders and the Italian Press as definitely threatening war. It has made several blunt representations to Rome on the subject, which have failed to bring about any real improvement, and the Italians cannot now complain if Great Britain, and ultimately her Ally take all the necessary steps to protect their position in the event of Il Duce deciding to enter into the war on the side of Germany. They most certainly not do intend to allow themselves to be taken by surprise, and cannot, therefore, neglect any precautions against further trouble.

they have even signed a declaration that it belongs to them no more. Yet their ships are not sunk and bombed without warning, their kinsfolk are not in concentration camps, their neighbours have not been ravaged under the sign of the Crooked Cross by one whose pledged word means nothing. Red men, says Macaulay in a famous passage on the Seven Years' War, scalped each other on the shores of the Great Lakes in order that Frederick of Prussia might rob a neighbour whom he had promised to defend. This time the red men are not embroiled, but they know what the Crooked Cross means in policy and practice, and they will bear its symbol no more, even though it was once their own. People talk of Goebbels and his astute propaganda. What propaganda in the world has ever achieved a result like this, leaving, in less than ten years of mastery, its own party symbol as a world-wide emblem of reproach? Never again will the swastika live down its new associations of infamy. That may yet be the one lasting change which Hitler has achieved. —"Manchester Guardian," "North China Daily News," Shanghai.

HUNGARY LEANS TOWARD ITALY

In all Europe, belligerents as well as neutrals are increasingly recognising the role played by the friendship between Italy and Hungary in European politics. The dangers threatening Europe and Hungary, situated at a crossroads forming three strategic lines of three Great Powers, have nowhere received fuller recognition than from Mussolini. Italy is the country nearest Hungary — her friend on whom she can rely in any hour of need. —"Pester Lloyd," Budapest.

WHY DECAY

Civilizations don't decay because they grow old but because they become militarized. In the long history of evolution, formidableness and violence always failed. It wasn't the giant reptiles, invulnerable in armor-plated self-sufficiency, that survived. It was the meek puny little creature, the primitive mammal. —Scribner's Commentator Magazine.

LO! THE POOR INDIAN

Has any emblem in the world ever had thrust upon it, and in so short a span of years, such widespread ignominy and reproach as the swastika? It was almost kind of Hitler and his associates to have adopted it, for when they vanish they will have left behind something that the other Germany can instantly disavow. Some people who had a stouter claim to it than Hitler

are disavowing it already, shocked by the associations that it now endures. It is a very ancient symbol. It is known the world over, from Japan (if not from China) to Peru, and usually as an emblem of the sun-god. In Arizona there are Indians who have used it as their tribal mark for centuries, just as it is found on the monuments of ancient Mexicans and Peruvians. Those Indians, it is now reported, have formally renounced their symbol;

CRUSADE FOR DECENCY

"This is not a war in the sense of a clash of rival ambitions. We have no such ambitions: we are out to secure no new rights for ourselves: we want neither territory nor privileges: but we do seek—not only for ourselves, but for all peoples both small or great—the right to live lives in freedom and at peace, to develop industry and commerce, to increase mutual trade, to raise the standard of life, free from the haunting dread that shadows our own time.

"This is not a war, it is a crusade for international decency. We fight evil things." —Mr. Anthony Eden.

Armoured Divisions Through To Sedan FRENCH STAND ON THE MEUSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
YESTERDAY THE FIRST GREAT BATTLE OF THE WAR GOT WELL UNDER WAY ON THE MEUSE, AFTER THREE DAYS OF SHARP ACTIONS BETWEEN ADVANCED UNITS.

The Germans progressively increased their efforts and revealed their same classical manoeuvres, an attack on two wings from north and south.

The German south wing appears to be the stronger; the north wing comprises a great number of infantry units and the air force.

Two armoured divisions which were thrown ahead, crossed the Moselle through Luxemburg and the Ardennes.

These German columns forced the Chasseurs detachments, reinforced by a few French light motorised units, to withdraw.

Since the end of Monday morning German detachments began to appear on the whole length of the Meuse from Liege to Sedan.

There is no doubt that they will now try to force a passage over the Meuse, and this attack was expected to develop yesterday.

Reached Frontier

The Germans have reached the French frontier and violent combats are taking place in the advanced parts of the fortified French line, which prolongs to the North Sea the Maginot Line proper.

The Germans have entered Sedan and Longwy after a violent and hard battle for the two towns.

The Germans are using massive tanks, artillery and aviation which attack the French positions. At the same time an intense battle for air mastery is going on.—Havas.

Heavy Toll Taken Of German Tanks

Paris, To-day.

A French army communique says that in Belgium, north of the Meuse, we continued our advance movements and our organisation according to plan.

The enemy has attacked our actual front at two points. He was repulsed with heavy loss to his tanks.

On the Meuse, south of Namur, the Germans attempted to cross the river at several points. We launched counter-attacks and fighting continues, more especially in the region of Sedan, where the enemy is making a momentous effort with furious obstinacy at the expense of heavy casualties.

German local attacks in the region of the Moselle were repulsed with losses.—Reuter.

Situation In Holland Grave

Paris, To-day.

According to well-informed French military circles the situation in Holland is regarded as grave following the German advance towards Utrecht and Rotterdam.

The military situation in Belgium hardly varied at all yesterday.

The German advance guards, after their big bound forward of nearly 100 miles, are evidently waiting for the main German forces.—Reuter.

A Rapid Advance

London, To-day.

The Germans have made rapid pro-

gress with a large force and armoured columns in the Belgian Ardennes.

They have been opposed by French cavalry and Belgian Chasseurs but late on Monday afternoon the German advance guards reached the Meuse at a number of points.

Further German forces continued to arrive throughout the night and they have probably now reached the river at all the crossing points.

Spearhead On Sedan

The spearhead of the German drive in this region is towards Sedan, and most of the armoured units have been directed towards this town.

These met French advanced units on Monday near Sedan and there was an extremely sharp engagement.

The German units were backed by low-flying aircraft and artillery. A secondary German drive is being made towards Dinant.—Reuter.

Longwy Defence Holding

Sedan itself has been evacuated and military sources in Paris say that German mechanised columns may have entered the town.

They are thus on French soil, but this does not mean that they have pierced the French defences, which at this point run some way back, west of Sedan itself.

The German attack is continuing with full force, heavy tank concentrations being supported by powerful air attacks.

On the Luxemburg border, the Germans are battering at Longwy, which is also in front of the Maginot Line. The French have checked them here, after heavy fighting in the city, and Longwy is still in French hands.

Further down, the Germans have launched two secondary attacks east of Forbach, in the Saar sector. Elsewhere along the Maginot Line opposite Germany there has been little activity.—Reuter.

SITUATION IMPROVED

Brussels, To-day.

The semi-official Belgian news agency states the situation continues to improve, and adds there is no question of the Allied Embassies leaving the capital.—Reuter.

SOVIET-SWEDISH TRADE

Moscow, To-day.

A Swedish trade delegation, headed by the Minister of Supply, M. Erikson, landed at Moscow airport last evening.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL TEAM NEARS COMPLETION

London, To-day.

The following further appointments to major positions in the Government were announced from 10, Downing Street last night.

Dominions — Viscount Caldecote (formerly Sir Thomas Inskip).

Secretary for Scotland—Mr. Ernest Brown.

Minister for Aircraft Production—Lord Beaverbrook.

President of the Board of Education—Mr. Harold Ramsbotham.

Minister of Economic Warfare—Mr. Hugh Dalton.

Shipping—Mr. Ronald Cross.

Transport—Sir John Reith.

Agriculture—Mr. R. S. Hudson.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—Lord Hankey.—Reuter.

ALLIED COUP NEAR NARVIK

London, To-day.

A War Office communique states: "Allied forces made a successful landing at Blerkvik, seven miles north of Narvik, suffering only a few minor casualties."

Blerkvik is in the rear of the German positions in the Gratangen area where our forces made a successful attack at the same time.

An enemy detachment which had landed at Hemnes was bombed by a British warship. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy.—Reuter.

SWISS PROTEST

Basle, To-day.

The Swiss Government has ordered its Minister in Berlin to protest to the German Government over the bombing of the Swiss railway near Delemont last week and to demand compensation for the damage.

The Swiss General Staff has formed a "Home Guard" for all cities, towns and villages as a defence against "Fifth Columnists" and or parachute troops.—Reuter.



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They don't look much alike—Blamey is stoutish, benign of face; Freyberg is slimmer, with a face formed in firm lines. Both have one thing in common; they know war.

Lieut.-General Sir Thomas Blamey, in command of the Second Australian Imperial Force, is Australia's most experienced warrior. Certainly he has had more experience in Europe than any other soldier in the Commonwealth.

CHIEF AT 35

When World War No. 1 began Blamey was on the permanent staff of the Australian military Forces. Almost immediately he was switched over to the General Staff, and in 1916 he was appointed to command the 2nd Battalion of the A.E.F. in France. By the end of that war he was Chief of Staff of the A.E.F.—and all that at 35!

Then he went back to Australia as Deputy-Chief of the General Staff, and later came to London as Australia's military representative at the War Office. Other military appointments came his way until he retired. Retired is hardly the word, for then he began working on plans with the dynamic Australian-Welshman Hughes for the development and expansion of the Militia.

So, like the great Sir John Monash, the Jewish Australian commander of the last war, who led his troops when the Germans made their last attack in March 1918. Blamey is a soldier who knows fighting.

What are his views on modern warfare? Says he: "We cannot expect to win this war unless we carry the fight to the enemy."

"I do not underrate the importance of the Air Force. Its proportionate part in the war is greater than ever before, and, probably, will increase, but it is ancillary to sea and land fighting rather than an effective win-the-war instrument."

Blamey is a sportsman: hunting, tennis, golf, shooting, ski-ing—in that order.

The commander of the New Zealanders, Major-General C. B. Freyberg, is a terrific fellow, and, like our own Gort, a V.C. He has also a D.S.O. with two bars and a C.M.G. In the last war he was wounded nine times, and mentioned in despatches six times.

He got his V.C. in 1916 by most conspicuous bravery and brilliant leading as a battalion commander at Beaumont Hamel in France. There he drove a wedge into the German defences, and next day followed it up by personally leading a charge which ended in the capture of Beaumont.

In those two days he was wounded four times—and he was then only 28.

I remember J. M. Barrie's famous Rectorial address on courage which sums up this man for you:

"Be not merely courageous, but light hearted, also gay. . . . There is an officer who was the first of our Army to land at Gallipoli."

"He was dropped overboard to light decoys on the shore, so as to deceive the Turks as to where the landing was

to be. He pushed a raft containing decoys in front of him. It was a frosty night, and he was naked and painted black.

"Firing from the ships was going on all round. It was a two-hours swim in pitch darkness. He did it, crawled through the scrub to listen to the talk of the enemy, who were so near that he could have shaken hands with them

By
EMRYS JONES

—lit his decoys and swam back. He seems to look on this as a gay affair."

Then Barrie turned and shook his head at his friend Freyberg sitting near him on the platform.

WHAT HE SAID

As I recall, the general has only once let himself go in public. That was on war books. Said he: "For the sake of the generation growing up, I deprecate most strongly any such suggestion as that the people who fought in the war were drunkards or cowards."

"In my four years of war service, I saw only five drunken men. I do not know of a single man shot for cowardice."

Another point: Freyberg can't bear inaccuracy, so I hope the facts here set down are all right!

LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that a new force is to be created, known as the "Local Defence Volunteers."

The force will be voluntary and unpaid and of ages between 17 and 65 years. Volunteers will be armed and the force will be used mostly in small towns and villages and other sparsely populated areas.—Reuter.

MORE NAZI SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK

London, To-day.

It was officially announced in London yesterday afternoon that since the beginning of May at least nine more German transports and supply ships had been successfully attacked by British submarines off Norway. Submarine operations are continuing.—Reuter.

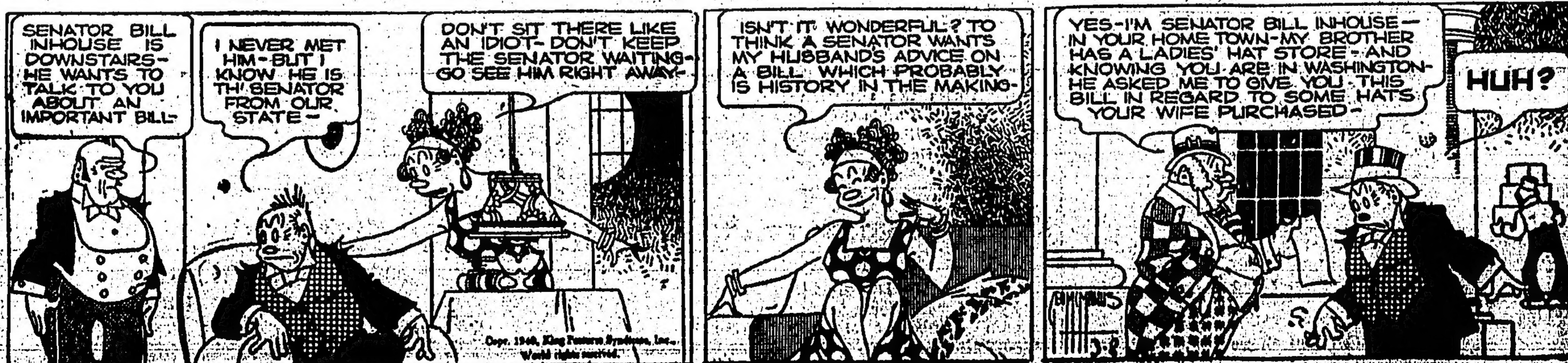
ALLIED AIRCRAFT PURCHASES

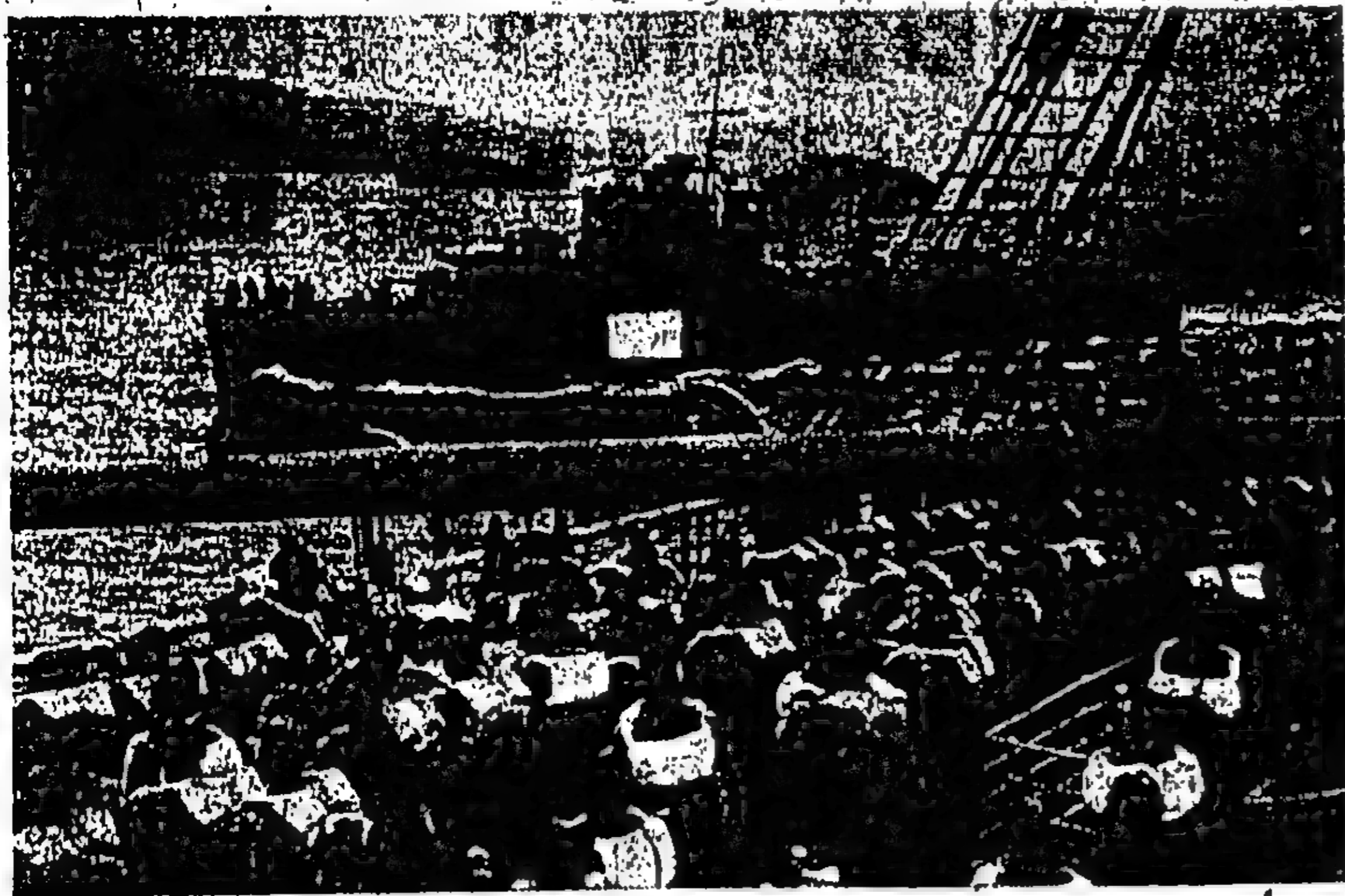
London, To-day.

During the last four weeks, the Allies have bought about £85,000,000 worth of aircraft and engines from the United States, and the Allied Purchasing Commission is now negotiating two other large contracts.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





A picture of a B.E.F. troop transport with one of its guardians, a British destroyer. The men are wearing their lifebelts, after boat drill. (Copyright, Fox).

LOSSES ON NAZI SUPPLY SHIPS

London, To-day.

Some details of exceedingly heavy losses inflicted on the enemy in the sea passage between the mainland and Scandinavia are revealed by the Admiralty.

Operations were carried out by submarines in most adverse conditions, the flat, calm sea and bright clear moonlight greatly favouring the counter attack.

Minelaying was carried out and caused considerable dislocation to Nazi communications while individual submarines scored striking successes in harassing transport and supply ships.

Amongst the exploits recorded is the torpedoing of the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer. This vessel fell to an attack by Spearfish who, as already announced, must now be accounted lost.

On the night of April 11 through the periscope was seen the bow wave of a heavy ship. Spearfish attacked, at once and was rewarded by hearing the torpedoes hit the mark.

The Polish submarine Orzel—her voyage from the Baltic will live long in sea annals—had the honour of sinking the first German transport. This was the Rio de Janeiro, which went down to the Orzel's torpedoes on April 8.

In a battle of submarine against submarine the French vessel Orphee accounted for a U-boat on April 21.

Since the beginning of May at least nine German transports and supply ships had been successfully attacked off Norway.

The Admiralty communique ends "submarine operations are continuing." —British Wireless.

MR. EDEN'S APPEAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

APPEALING FOR MEN TO JOIN THE LOCAL DEFENCE VOLUNTEERS, THE WAR MINISTER, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, REFERRED IN A BROADCAST YESTERDAY, TO THE GERMAN PRACTICE OF DROPPING PARACHUTE TROOPS BEHIND THE MAIN DEFENSIVE LINES IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

Mr. Eden said the danger to Britain from this particular menace, although it undoubtedly existed, should not be exaggerated.

They were confident the Government's measures would be effective but in order to leave nothing to chance and to supplement from sources hitherto untapped the means of defence already arranged, they wanted large numbers of men between the ages of 17 and 65 to offer their services in the new force.—Reuter.

ANTI-BRITISH MOVE IN PEIPING

PEIPING, TO-DAY.

SURMISES THAT THE JAPANESE MIGHT USE THE INTENSIFIED EUROPEAN SITUATION TO CREATE FURTHER DIFFICULTIES FOR BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA WOULD SEEM TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM A STATEMENT BY THE ANTI-BRITISH SOCIETY IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

The statement says the anti-British movement is to be re-started shortly.

It is reliably reported that the Japanese military here have unofficially approached the Allied and Italian Legation Guard commandants to enquire what steps they proposed to take to prevent incidents between the guards in case Italy enters the war.—Reuter.

TAXI COMPANIES HARD HIT BY JAP. QUOTA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

The Hsinking automobile company has been so hit by the rationing of gasoline that the number of calls has dropped to less than one-third of normal.

The company has requested the Government to raise the present quota as taxis need far more than the six gallons a day permitted them, while private cars receive four gallons and need only 2½ gallons.—Havas.



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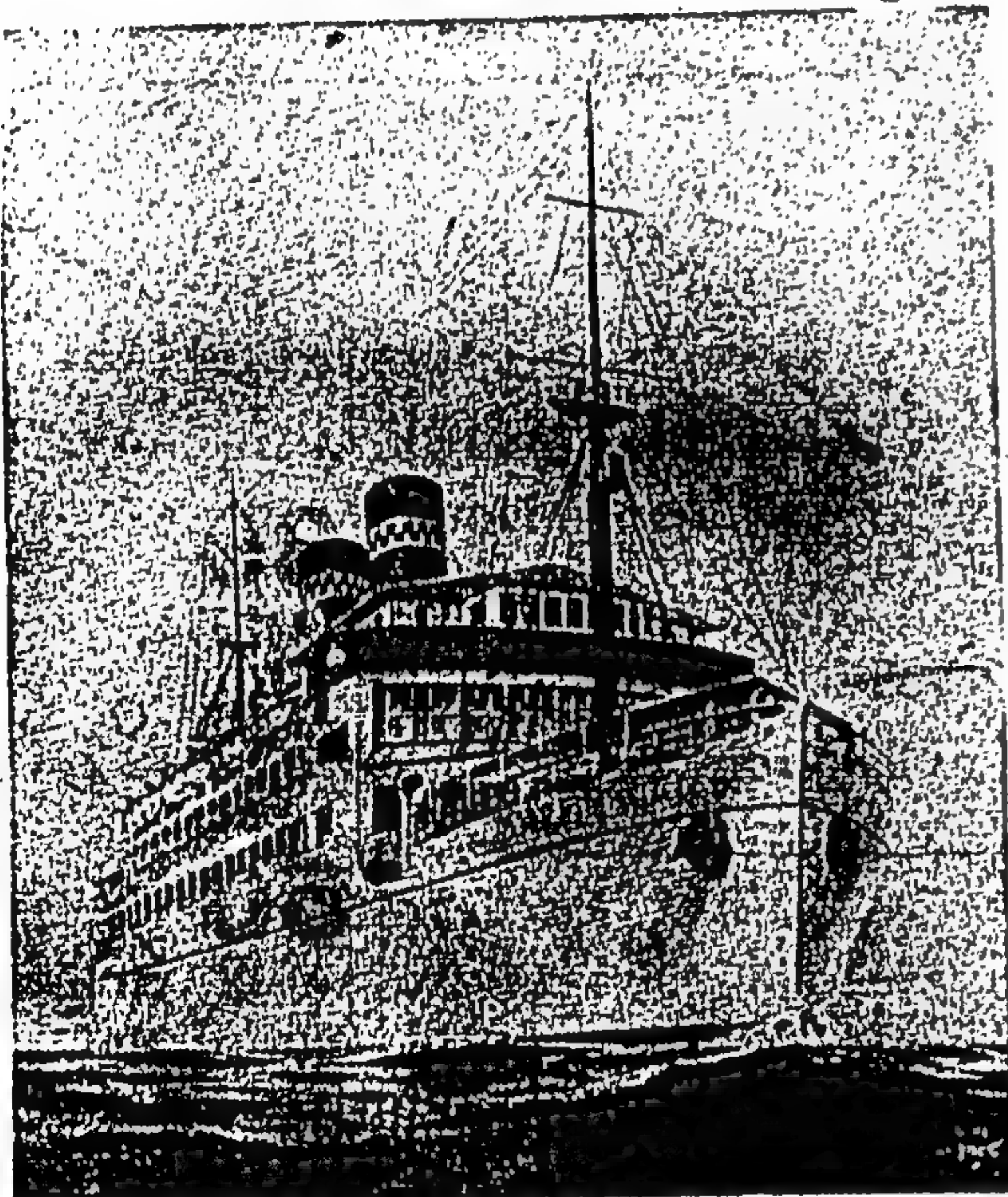
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GAMBLER'S THROW BY HITLER FOR BIG STAKES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
LEARNS THAT NEUTRAL CIRCLES IN LONDON REGARD THE GERMAN INVASION OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM AS A DESPERATE BID FOR VICTORY BEFORE THE ALLIES ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR RESOURCES TO THE FULL.

German production and strength are at their peak while those of the Allies are growing every day. It is pointed out that like the bold gambler he is, Hitler has determined to take big risks because the stake is immense.

At the same time, it is believed that the growing effectiveness of the Allied blockade, coupled with the Allies' constantly growing strength, must undoubtedly have been an important contributory cause in influencing his decision.

Thanks to the element of surprise and treachery and to Fifth Column activities, the Germans have had a considerable initial success in Holland and to a lesser degree in Belgium.

Their overwhelming superiority of strength compared to Holland and Belgium was bound to tell, especially as excessive scruples in regard to neutrality had prevented any co-ordination of plans between the Low Countries and the Allied Staffs.

Real Test To Come

The real test is yet to come when the main battle is engaged with the Allied forces.

This will be the first real trial of the qualities of the new German army.

It is not believed by these neutral quarters that any result will be apparent for some days. Even then it will be too early to talk of anything decisive but the reaction of south-eastern Europe will in any case, it is felt, be full of interest.—Reuter.

THE DAILY DOPE

Berlin, To-day.

The German Army High Command announces: "Under the enormous effect of attacks by German power-dive bombers and the imminent attack of armoured units, the city of Rotterdam has surrendered and thus saved itself from destruction."

In London, the claim that Rotterdam has surrendered lacks all confirmation. Reuter.

THE NEED IS NOW, SAYS MR. MENZIES

Canberra, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, appealed for recruits for overseas service, in a broadcast speech yesterday.

Mr. Menzies pointed out that Australia's home defence was more assured than a year ago and urged the necessity for the rapid training of troops for overseas.

He declared: "The enemy is not waiting and hopes we shall not be there, or be there too late. I call upon Australia to give him his answer."—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Mr. Menzies called for increased Australian production of aircraft and ammunition. The training of forces for overseas must be speeded up.

Meanwhile, the invasion of the Low Countries has stimulated recruiting in Australia. Many Belgian and Dutch residents have offered their services to fight against the Germans.—Reuter.

REFUGEES ARRIVE

London, To-day.

Several hundred Dutch, Belgian and British refugees from Holland arrived at a British port yesterday in three British ships.—Reuter.

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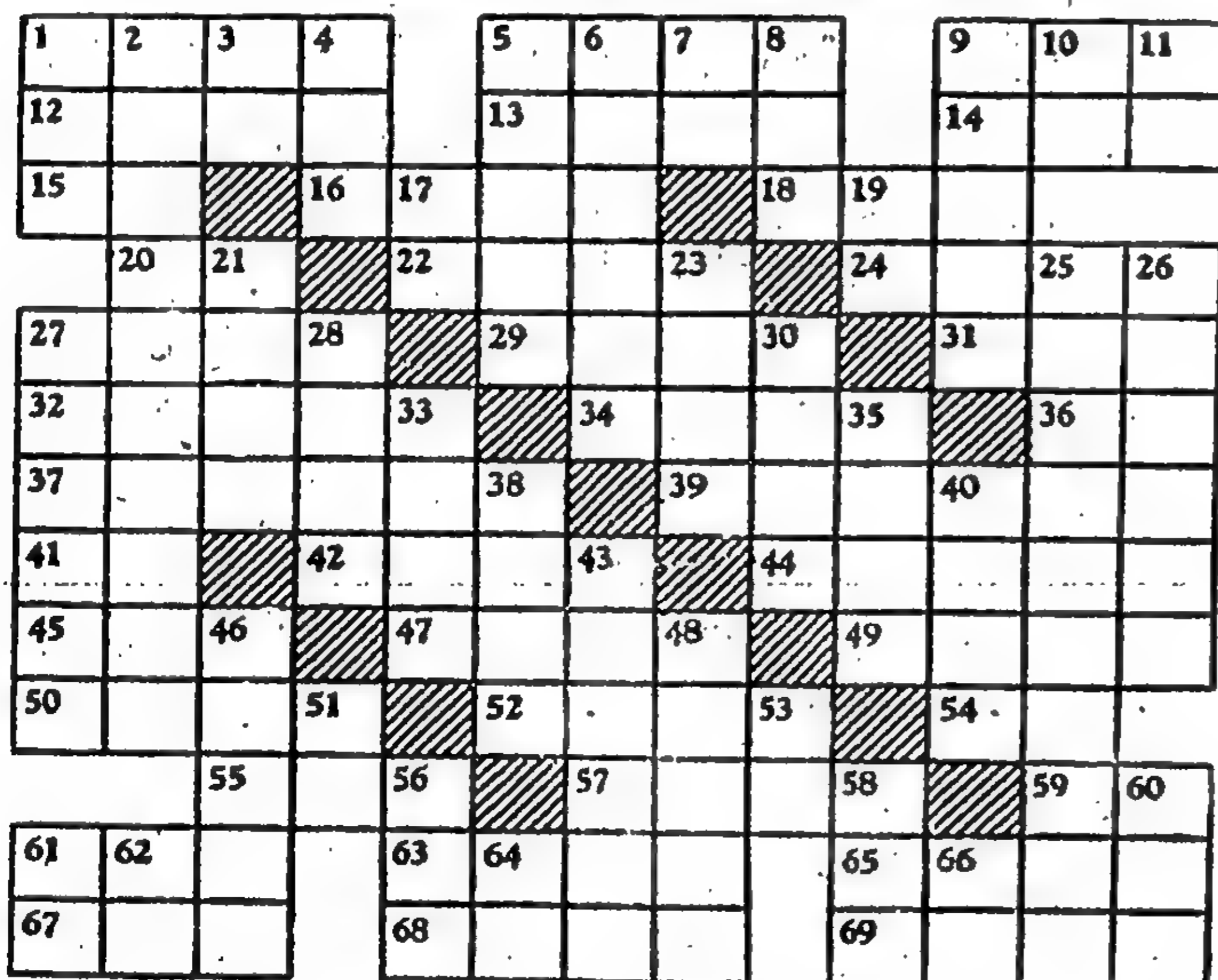
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- 5 Lethargy
- 9 Brown
- 12 To forbid
- 13 South
- 14 American armadillo
- 15 Maori oven
- 16 measure
- 17 To fatigue
- 18 Cloth
- 20 measure
- 20 European fish
- 22 Receptacle for holy water
- 24 European mountain range
- 27 Ancient musical instrument
- 29 Simple
- 31 Before
- 32 To reconnoiter
- 34 Egyptian length measure
- 36 Comparative ending
- 37 Attack
- 39 Tone-colour.
- 41 Preposition
- 42 Ardour
- 44 Vamp
- 45 Encountered
- 47 Yellowish gray

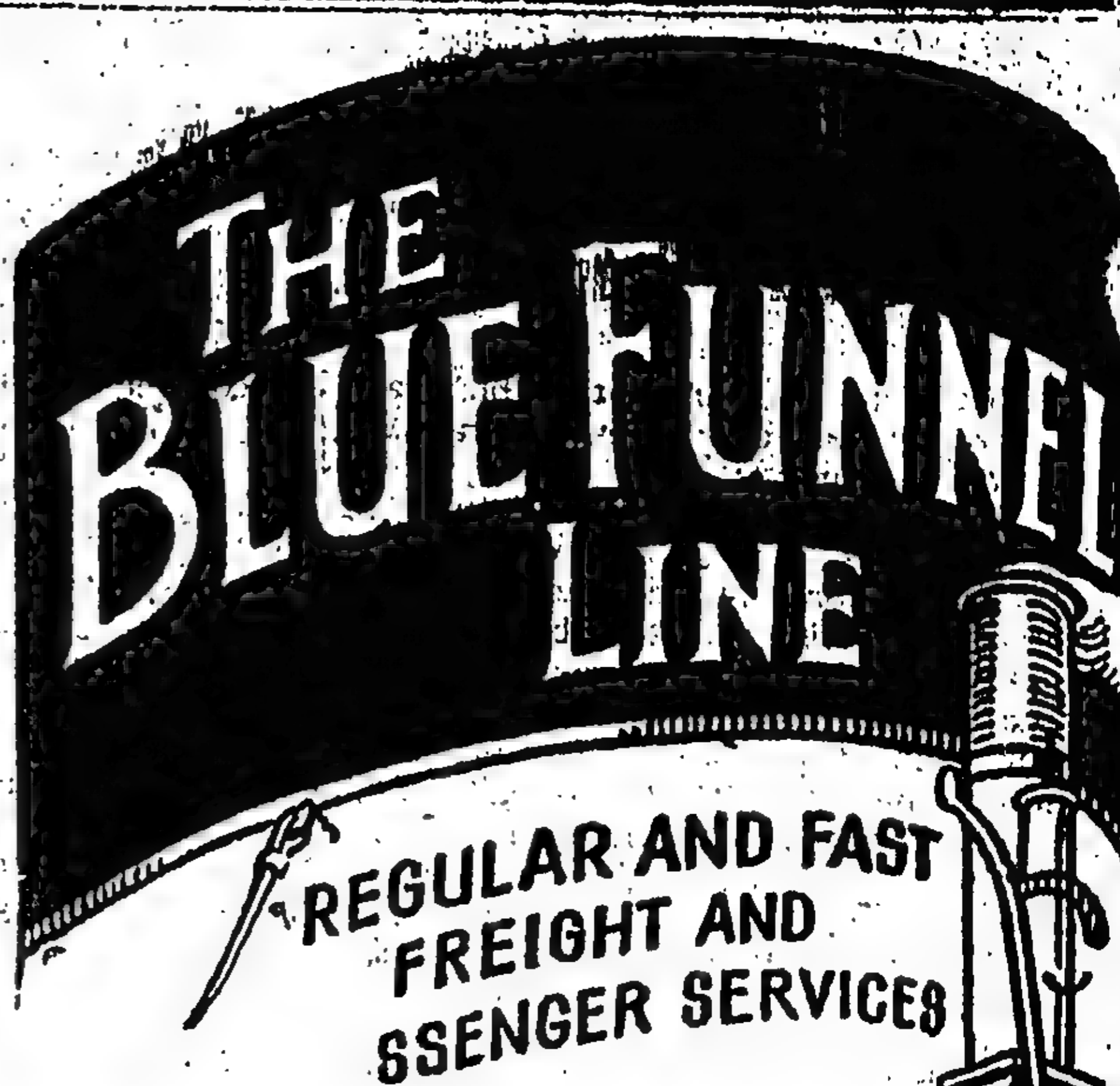
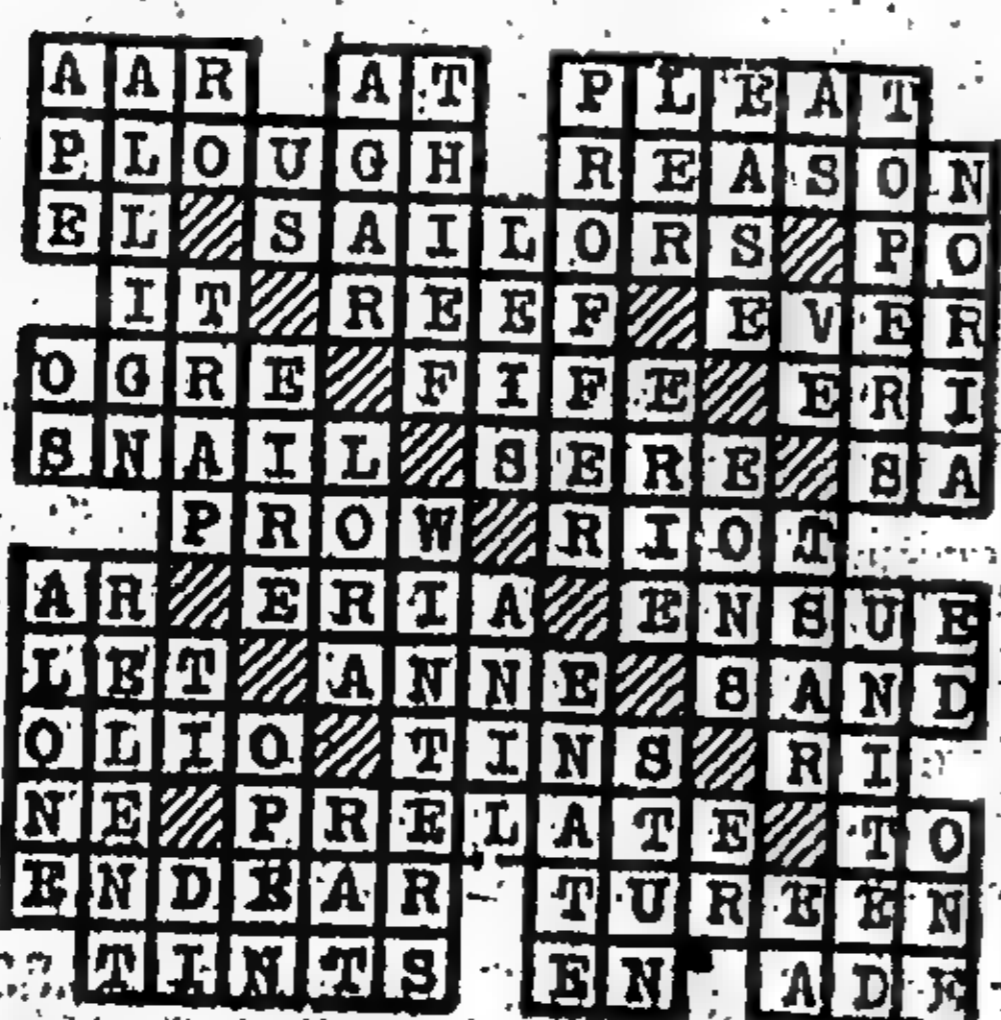
VERTICAL

- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Greek letter
- 17 Concerning
- 19 Note of scale
- 21 Movable barrier
- 23 Allowance for waste
- 25 Act of opening engine's exhaust-port
- 26 Calm
- 27 To adopt
- 28 Archaic: compassion
- 30 Goddess of discord
- 33 Equalled
- 35 Mohammedan ruler
- 38 To merit
- 40 Edge
- 43 Clothes maker
- 46 Appendages
- 48 Puffs
- 51 City in Chaldea
- 53 Babylonian deity
- 56 Anthropoid
- 58 Honey
- 60 Siamese coin
- 61 Prefix: two
- 62 Latin conjunction
- 64 Hawk-headed deity
- 66 Diphthong

VERTICAL

- 1 Eggs
- 2 Observation instruments
- 3 By
- 4 To hit aloft
- 5 Rebound
- 6 Unfastened
- 7 Parent
- 8 Part of "to be"
- 9 Open-meshed material

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The following notification has been issued by the Postmaster-General, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest:—

"It has come to my notice that in many cases women and children of British nationality who were registered in connection with the above scheme before the outbreak of war have since changed their place of residence without notification; and there is also reason to believe that many who have since then removed into the Colony have not yet registered themselves or their children.

"It is considered desirable that the register should be kept up to date by routine notifications, in order that if and when an emergency threatens the task of the authorities may not be rendered more difficult by last minute additions or alterations to the numbers for whom arrangements are to be made, and a routine revision of the register will be undertaken every six

GOLD STRIKE NEAR GREAT WALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

Rich gold is reported to have been discovered somewhere between Pailshuhlung and Likushan, near the Great Wall, east of Peking.

Large Chinese and Japanese mining companies have jointly sent 50 technical experts to the new mine to carry out a survey and prepared for the actual mining of gold.—Havas.

months.

"All women and children, that is to say, boys under the age of 18 and girls of any age, should be registered for this purpose with the Postmaster General, G.P.O. Building, Hong Kong. Particulars, which should be sent by post (no postage required), are: Name in full, full postal address of residence, name, sex, and age of each child, and whether the person registering has been previously registered under another address than that now given.

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Sir Kingsley Wood (left) whose appointment as Chancellor of the Exchequer provided the big surprise of Mr. Churchill's Cabinet nominations. He is shown above leaving his home on his way to Whitehall with an assistant.

RUMANIANS' LAND ARMY

So that export demands, especially from Germany, can be kept at a normal level, the Rumanian Government are to recruit a "land army of agriculture" of 4,000,000 young Rumanians.

Diplomatic circles view the project as answering Germany's request — which is said to have been made through the Nazi trade Ambassador, Dr. Karl Clodius — for demobilisation of half a million peasant soldiers from the Rumanian Army for work on farms.

The concentration of big Rumanian forces in the former Russian province of Bessarabia and on the frontiers, has depleted considerably the number of men available for agricultural and industrial work.—Associated Press.

HER SECRET HAPPINESS

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Best Dressed Woman in the World told me some of her secrets.

One of them affects all women—how to be beautiful despite the war.

"I believe that all women should try to make the best of themselves in war-time — bright colours, suitable make-up — and plenty of smiles," said Madame Antenor Patino, wife of the Bolivian Minister in Paris, who is visiting London. She was judged the best-dressed woman by Parisian dressmakers, with the Duchess of Windsor second and the Duchess of Kent third.

Beauty, she believes, comes from only one source—happiness.

"I don't think a woman being beautiful depends on time or money—she can only be that if she is happy," she stated.

"I never have to diet," she said.

"I drink very little except fruit juices and never allow myself more than six cigarettes a day."

"It has been rumoured that I spend fabulous sums on my clothes," she said.

"This is really absurd — usually I think the total for a year is between £1,500 and £2,000!"

"My suits, especially tweeds, I always get in London. They cost about fourteen guineas each, which is little against what some of my Parisian friends pay!"

"All my evening gowns are now made by Lelong and Allix."

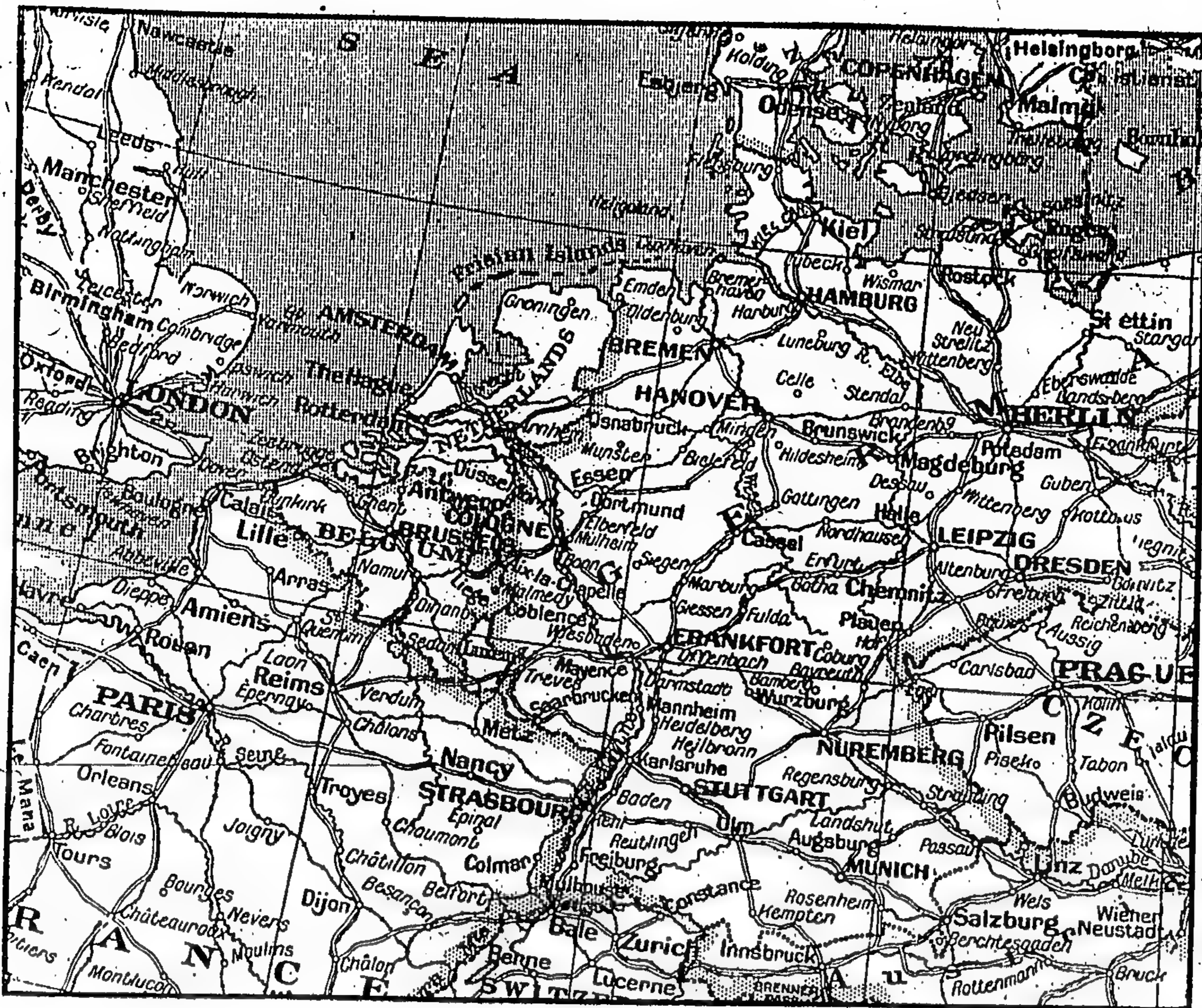
"I have been shopping to-day for my two daughters, Christine, who is seven, and Isabel, five."

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 22-1/2 spot and 22-3/8 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$3.20-1/4.



A general map of the area on which the critical battles of the war, probably, are now being fought. The vital interest of Britain in Holland's freedom from domination needs no emphasis after a study of the relative positions of Rotterdam and London.

MR. CHURCHILL'S DENIAL

Mr. Winston Churchill's American lawyers have served on Mr. William Griffin a general denial of the allegation made by Mr. Griffin in the million dollar slander suit lodged against the British First Lord.

Mr. Griffin, who is owner and publisher of the "New York Enquirer," declared that in an interview with him in 1936 Mr. Churchill said: "It was all a mistake for us (the U.S.) to enter the world war."

Mr. Churchill, Mr. Griffin further declared, had since denied that he had said this, and the slander action was based on the denial.

CHRIST CHURCH CONCERT

The Christ Church Concert to be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Friday May 17th at 8.45 p.m. promises a good evening's entertainment. A varied programme will be provided by well known artists; Miss Yao Tschin-chin whose recent pianoforte recital at the Peninsula Hotel delighted all who heard it and won her high praise; will play a Mozart Sonata. Helen Lockhart, Sylvia Choy and John Smith accompanied by Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw will contribute a number of items. The Choir of the Mandarin Congregation of Christ Church, the high quality of whose singing is already well known to many, will be responsible for half of the programme.

Light humorous items are included in the programme—an illuminated Indian Club act by Mr. J. T. K. Gilchrist, conjuring tricks by Mr. Les Gibson, a humorous duet by Helen Lockhart and John Smith, and a character sketch by Mr. David Kossick who composes the whole show.

An enjoyable evening is guaranteed. Tickets at \$2 and \$1 may be bought at the door or from the Vicar of Christ Church.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

K.B.G.C. SELECTIONS

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League:—

First Division—(v. Recreio "A" at K.B.G.C.)—T. J. Armstrong, D. W. Waterton, H. White, A. J. Hall (skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer, G. H. Sherriff (skip) and W. L. Walker, L. Guy, A. Hydeley, A. M. Holland (skip).

Second Division—(v. Police R.C. at P.R.C.)—E. F. Pope, E. Levett, F. A. Cheesman, R. Duncan (skip); H. Bicknell, L. Sykes, E. V. Searle, H. Lockhart (skip) and A. Morton, H. E. Drew, E. A. Atkins, W. Harrower (skip).

Third Division—(v. H.K. Football Club at H.K.F.C.)—E. Seard, S. C. Walker, C. Wallis, K. C. Hamilton (skip); F. H. Wilkinson, W. H. Organ, G. S. Hammond, J. S. Dinnen (skip) and H. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham, L. Jordan (skip).

RECREIO TEAMS.

Following teams will represent Recreio on Saturday:—

First Division—Recreio "A" (v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Away)—L. F. Xavier, F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, H. A. Alves (Skip); L. J. Silva, C. M. Silva, J. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva (Skip) and J. A. Luz, C. E. Marques, F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva (Skip).

First Division—Recreio "B" (v. Craigen-gower Cricket Club, Away)—C. C. Pereira, D. C. Alves, Dr. L. Guterres, B. Basto (Skip); F. A. Machado, C. N. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (Skip) and C. F. Vas, J. C. Remedios, C. Roza Pereira, J. E. Noronha (Skip).

Second Division—(v. Kowloon Cricket Club, Home)—M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, Dr. A. Rodrigues, O. P. Remedios (Skip); R. N. Silva, J. A. Remedios, C. M. Alves, P. Yvanovich (Skip) and F. A. Xavier, A. P. Pereira, E. M. Remedios, E. Sousa (Skip).

P.R.C. TEAMS

Following will represent Police Recreation Club in Lawn Bowls League this Saturday:—

First Division (v. H.K.F.C. at P.R.C.)—E. G. Post, J. W. MacDonald, J. Shepherd and A. E. Carey (Skip); W. J. Cameron, J. Headridge, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fender (Skip) and A. Soutar, F. Channing, G. Perkins and J. Orem (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.B.G.C. at P.R.C.)—W. B. Harris, A. MacKenzie, H. Brown and W. Glendinning (Skip); G. C. Willerton, J. W. Harrop, N. B. Fraser and W. E. Hollands (Skip) and D. H. Taylor, J. Hayward, J. C. Atkin and A. Wright (Skip).

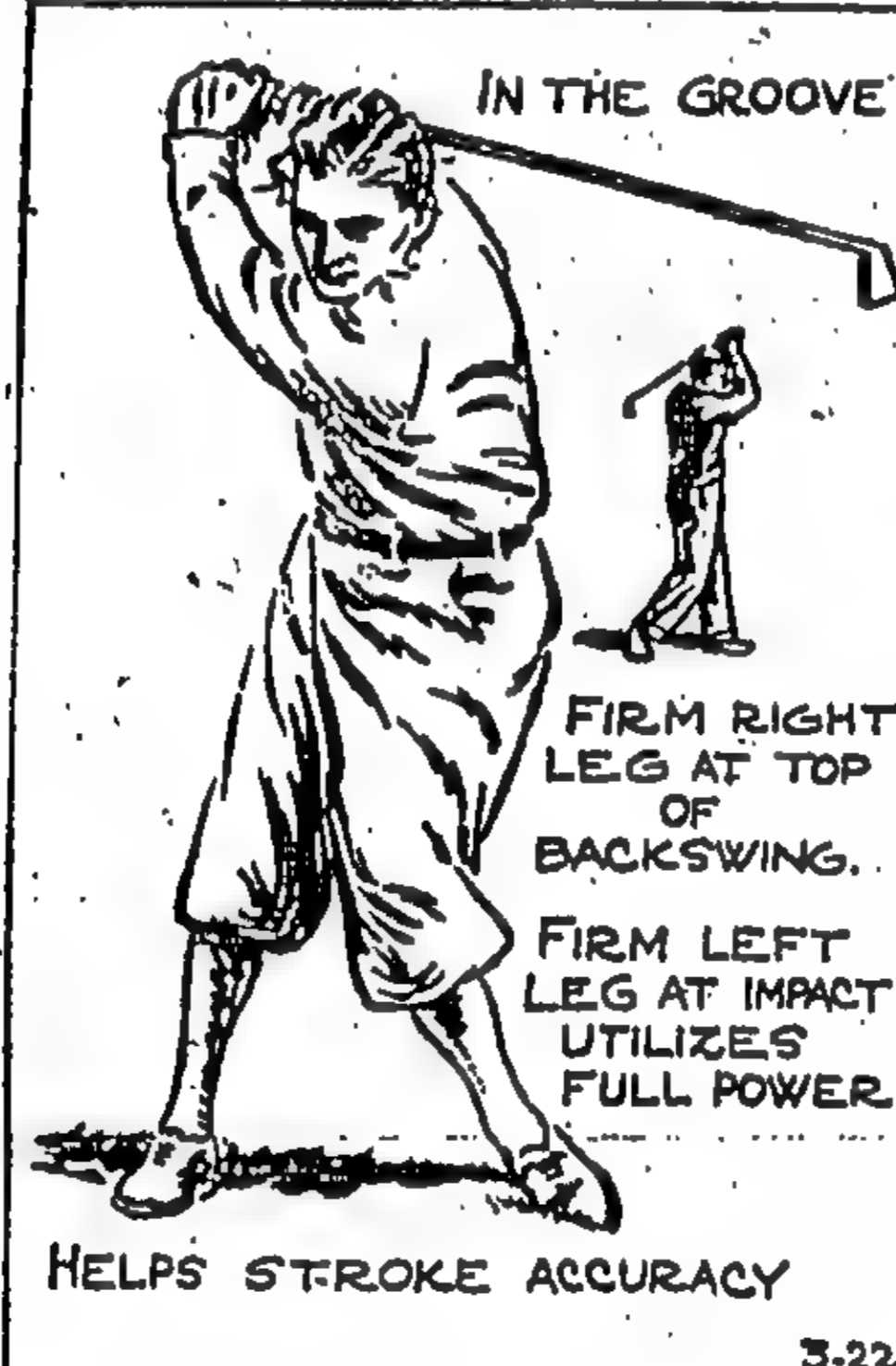
I.R.C. TEAMS

Following will represent Indian Recreation Club in Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v. K.D.R.C. at Hunghom)—J. Hoogen, A. Bakar, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip); A. K. Suffad, A. M. Rumjahn, D. M. Khan and M. R. Abbas (Skip) and A. H. Rumjahn, S. O. Bux, A. O. Madar and A. R. Dallah (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K.E.R.C. at Spokun-poo)—A. S. Suffad, U. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Suffad and M. Y. Adal (Skip); S. Yusuf, R. Nazarin, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (Skip) and M. Hussain, S. A. R. Bux, K. M. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip).

GRAPHIC GOLF



SWING TIME

By BEST BALL

If one can get used to the idea of swinging around on the back-swing until his right leg is firm and straight, then completing the downswing so that at impact the left side is firm, and the left leg unyielding at the finish of the follow through one has certain advantages in the game. One is a definite rhythmic movement which should improve the player's timing and grooving of shots. In fact, once one gets the feeling of this swing, practice without a ball, merely swinging from one extreme to the other should be helpful.

There is not necessarily any change in the weight in this shot, although the thought that it is transferred to the right leg at first then to the left on the downswing may help the golfer get the right stroke tempo. While many golfers contend there is a definite weight transference from one leg to another, as prominent a golfer as Bobby Jones does not subscribe to this point. If there is trouble relaxing the left side in the back-stroke, let the left ankle turn inward gradually. This will loosen the whole left side.

Next Article:—Putter Alignment.

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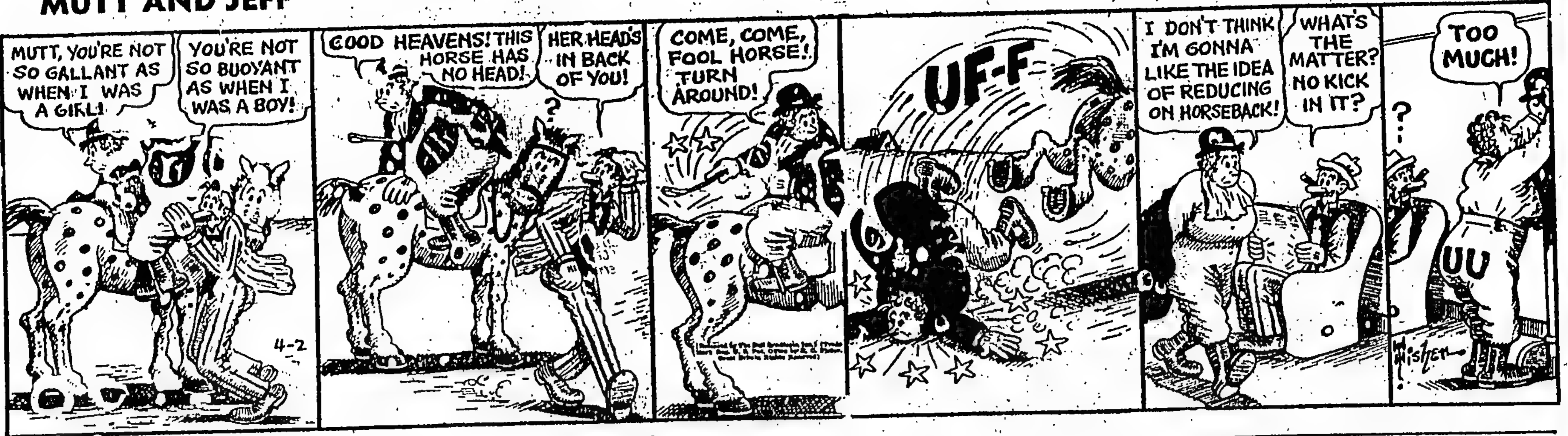
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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).
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9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Magazine Feature Pro-

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Indian officer in the Indian Army, and by a Welsh trawler skipper whose ship was shelled and sunk by a U-boat.
9.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—Grand Variety Programme.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

To-day's Wireless



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MENTAL LAZINESS

One of the simplest, and yet one of the most important features of dummy play is the matter of counting tricks and planning your play so that the requisite number will be obtained. Yet it has been our observation that very few players will make the slight mental effort required to plan at the beginning of a hand just how and where they are going to win the number of tricks necessary to fulfill their contract. Here is a typical example of average dummy play:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

Q 8 6 3
K 10 9 7 4
K Q 9 5 2
A K 10 8 3 2
J 10 7 4
J 6 5
A 10 8
N
W
E
S
A 8 6 5
A K 2
A K 8
J 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the spade deuce and South was fortunate in that dummy's singleton Queen won the first trick. Declarer promptly played a club to his Jack, which West allowed to hold. A second club was played and West again held off. Now the contract was hopelessly lost.

South's line of play could have been successful only if (a) one of his opponents held the club Ace exactly twice, or (b) if one of them was kind enough to win either the first or second round of a remote possibility. However, the slightest amount of thought

would have shown, first, that the opening lead was from a four-card suit, and secondly, that the needed extra trick could be won in diamonds if the suit were divided or an honour dropped. Declarer therefore should have immediately played three rounds of diamonds. Dummy's club suit could then have been utilised as the re-entry for the thirteenth diamond, and meanwhile all the opponents could take would be two spade tricks, one diamond and the club Ace.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

Q A K 2
A Q 10 4
A Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:

You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
(?)

ANSWER:—Your correct bid is two diamonds. Although your hand is close to an opening two-bid in strength, the fact that your partner has responded in a suit in which you are void is a possible warning. Hence, this bid, which he is very unlikely to pass, is probably your best.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 90% for three clubs, 60% for three diamonds, 0 for all bids in notrump.

QUESTION NO. 410.

You are Merwin Maier's partner and again you hold:

Q A K 2
A Q 10 4
A Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:

You Schenken Maier Burnstone
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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HOME CRICKET

TALL SCORING AT CAMBRIDGE

London, To-day.—In a three-day cricket match played at Cambridge University, the University beat a British Empire eleven by an innings and 108 runs in a high-scoring match.

British Empire batted first and were dismissed by J. Webster (5 for 55) for 159. Cambridge replied strongly and were able to declare at the huge score of 518 for 5. J. R. Thompson made 100, Bridger 145 not out and Conradi 164.

Thanks to a fine century by Norman Yardley, Cambridge, Yorkshire and England, the visitors fared somewhat better in their second venture, totalling 251. Bashford bowled with extraordinary accuracy to take 6 for 36. British Empire:—159 (Webster 5 for 55) and 251 (N. W. D. Yardley 138; Bashford 6 for 36).

Cambridge:—518 for 5 dec. (J. R. Thompson 100, Bridger 145 not out, Conradi 164). —Reuter.

KOLATCHOFF WINS FIRST MATCH

Following matches in the Colony Chess Championships were played last week: Sir H. Pollock beat V. V. Kolatchoff; A. Birlukoff beat L. Blair; V. V. Kolatchoff beat L. Blair.

The positions of the players follow:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K. M. A. Barnett	14	11	1	2	11½
E. Zimmern	12	10	1	1	10½
D. E. de Carvalho	14	9	1	4	9½
K. Weiss	13	8	1	4	8½
Sir H. Pollock	15	7	3	5	8½
B. S. Litvin	14	8	0	6	8
A. Kurrlik	12	4	2	6	5
A. Birlukoff	15	4	2	9	5
V. V. Kolatchoff	15	1	13	1½	
L. Blair	14	1	0	13	1

NEW CLUB OPENED

The Shell Sports Club was officially opened yesterday afternoon at 5.30 p.m. by Mrs. Bousfield, wife of the General Manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company Ltd. The ceremony was attended by a large crowd of visitors and members of the staff of the A.P.C.

This new Club, formed mainly by the employees of the Asiatic Petroleum Company Ltd., is situated on the roof of Shell House, Queen's Road Central.

There are two spacious rooms as recreation rooms, where the usual indoor games, such as cards, mahjong, table tennis and darts can be indulged in. The club is open to all members of the staff.

SIRDAR TO LEAD

TENNIS TEAM

It was understood that Mr. S. A. Rumjahn, new tennis Champion of the Colony, is going to lead a tennis team for the new Club.

A badminton match has been arranged to be played to-night at Club de Recreio against members of the staff of Hong Hong & Shanghai Bank.

The chairman of the Club is Mr. G. N. Park, chief engineer of the Company, while the Hon. Secretary is Mr. C. M. Xavier, with Lam Wing-kee as Hon. Treasurer.

Other members of the committee are Messrs. N. Spence, H. Winglee, A. R. Kitchell and F. Ozorio.

Football Referees

The Football Referees' Association will hold their Monthly Whist Drive at the Hotel Cecil on Friday, at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Ford, assisted by the Committee, will carry out the duties of M. C. and Mrs. Dove has very kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the Drive.

Tickets at \$1 each (including refreshments) may be obtained from Mr. Dove (Treasurer), Hotel Cecil, any Football Referee, or at the door.



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TENNIS LEAGUE OPENS IN BRILLIANT WEATHER

ARMY LEAGUE IN FULL SWING

The Army Tennis League opened a day earlier than the Colony League and considerable activity has been evident at Sookunpoo for the last two days.

On Monday an "A" Division match was played between 5th., R. A. and Middlesex Regiment which the former just won by 6 sets to 3. Lt. Guest and Sgt. Waldron made a great effort for the losers and won all three sets, but they received no support.

Yesterday saw no fewer than three matches played, one in "A" Division and the other two in the junior division.

In the senior match, the convincing form of Martin and Logan, who won all three sets, gave R.A.S.C. an odd-set victory, while Signals and Royal Scots won in junior division.

For the former Brakenberry and Langley were prominent, while the better balance of Royal Scots gave them a narrow win over R.A.S.C. in the latter.

R.A.S.C. v. R.A.

In an "A" Division Army League Tennis match at Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Service Corps beat the 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, by 5 sets to 4.

Martin and Logan (R.A.S.C.)	7-5
beat Skipworth and Hook	6-0
beat Roach and Ward	6-0
beat Osborne and Marsh	8-6
Young and Gibbs (R.A.S.C.)	6-8
lost to Skipworth and Hook	6-2
beat Roach and Ward	6-2
beat Osborne and Marsh	6-2
Walton and King (R.A.S.C.)	1-6
lost to Skipworth and Hook	4-6
lost to Roach and Ward	2-6
lost to Osborne and Marsh	2-6

SIGNALS v. R.A.P.C.

Royal Corps of Signals beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 6 sets to 3 in a Second Division Army League Tennis match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Love and Seully (Signals)	3-6
lost to Ingleby and Reed	6-4
beat Roberts and Lucknow	6-2
beat Chalcraft and Hemming	6-2
Brakenbury and Langley (Signals)	6-3
beat Ingleby and Reed	6-2
beat Roberts and Lucknow	6-2
beat Chalcraft and Hemming	6-2
Willie and Garran (Signals)	4-6
lost to Ingleby and Reed	3-6
lost to Roberts and Lucknow	6-1
beat Chalcraft and Hemming	6-1

R.A.S.C. v. R. SCOTS

Royal Scots Regiments beat Royal Army Service Corps by 5 sets to 4, in a Second Division Army League tennis match yesterday.

S/Q.M.S. Banister and S/Sgt. Sygden (R.A.S.C.)	12-14
lost to Q.M.S. Graham and Q.M.S. Green	0-6
beat Pte. Jenkins and Pte. Gelroy	1-6
beat Pte. Whelan and L/Cpl. Danning	1-6
S/Q.M.S. Wood and L/Cpl. Sherdon (R.A.S.C.)	3-6
lost to Graham and Green	1-6
lost to Jenkins and Gelroy	1-6
lost to Whelan and Danning	1-6
Pte. Walton and Pte. King (R.A.S.C.)	6-1
beat Graham and Green	2-6
lost to Jenkins and Gelroy	6-3
beat Whelan and Danning	6-3

Monday's Match

R.A. v. MIDDLESEX

The 5th A.A. Regiment beat the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment by 6 sets to 3 in a First Division Army League tennis match at Sookunpoo, on Monday.

Lieut. Guest and Sgt. Waldron (Middlesex)	6-4
beat Sgt. Meekling and Sgt. Louis	8-4
beat Lieut. Towner and Edr. Mew	8-4
L/Cpl. Ingram and Sgt. Morgan	2-6
lost to Meekling and Louis	4-6
lost to Towner and Mew	4-6
Cpl. Plummer and Pte. Hes (Middlesex)	1-6
lost to Meekling and Louis	1-6
lost to Towner and Mew	1-6
lost to Ingram and Morgan	1-6

Last Year's Leaders Win With Ease

KOWLOON TONG START WELL; BEAT STRONG RECREIO TEAM

THE HONG KONG TENNIS League season for 1940 opened yesterday in a blaze of sunshine with five "B" Division matches.

All went as expected although some of the teams were expected to do better than they actually did. Leading teams of last season, South China and Chinese Recreation Club, both won their games with something to spare, while Kowloon Tong, with a decisive win over a strong Recreio team, gave an indication of their strength.

Craigengower, playing without Robert Choa, one of their registered players, did well to beat I. R. C. by 6½-2½. J. W. Leonard and W. H. Lee won all three sets as expected, and the convincing form of George Lai and a newcomer H. N. Wong, who also went through without dropping a set, appears to indicate some improvement on the part of the Valley team.

It is noteworthy that Frank Kwok, erstwhile C. R. C. player, who appears to be registered in error for both C. R. C. and Kowloon Tong, turned out for the suburbanites, for whom he won 2½ sets in partnership with Lam Kwan, who was expected to act as reserve for South China in "A" Division.

COMBINATION DIFFICULTIES

Club, with a strong team individually, could not get their combinations in working order and veteran T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould were the only pair to meet with any success. This pair did extremely well to win one set, including one against a powerful combination in Dr. C. H. Dew and K. H. Ip.

Kowloon Cricket Club, without A. V. White, B. Soltan and W. M. Gittins of their team of last year, did reasonably well against Civil Service to win to 6½-2½.

Anderson proved a worthy successor to A. V. White, as Grose's partner, and this pair only dropped three games in the course of the afternoon.

Mackay and Broadbridge were not impressive and were extremely fortunate not to have met with at least one defeat. Broadbridge simply could not get any of his strokes into working order, being erratic both off the ground and on the volley and being unable to hold his usually effective service. His smashing, however, was good.

G. A. White and Capell did not do as well as expected and were only able to win one set. Neither player was able to produce winning shots and this placed them at a disadvantage.

LACK OF BALANCE

For the visitors, lack of balance in all three pairs made them ineffective. The Agafuroff brothers could not combine and Bendall and Skinner were not steady enough for this type of game.

Comparative novices, Dickie Hollidge and Wardle, played pluckily but were not equipped to do any better than they did.

K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.

At Cox's Road, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½.	
F. Grose and D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	
beat I. Agafuroff and B. Agafuroff	6-2
beat J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner	9-1
beat D. Hollidge and J. Wardle	6-0
N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge (K.C.C.)	



drew with I. and B. Agafuroff	6-6
beat Bendall and Skinner	6-4
beat Hollidge and Wardle	6-2
G. A. White and R. S. Capell (K.C.C.)	3-6
lost to I. and B. Agafuroff	5-7
lost to Bendall and Skinner	6-3
beat Hollidge and Wardle	6-3

I.R.C. v. C.C.C.

On the home courts, Indian Recreation Club lost to Craigengower Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½.

A. R. Kitchell and O. Rumlahn (I.R.C.)	2-8
lost to J. Leonard and W. H. Lee	6-3
beat A. Kitchell and W. Howard	3-6
lost to G. Lai and H. N. Wong	3-6
M. O. Hoosen and D. M. A. Razack (I.R.C.)	3-6
lost to Lai and Wong	6-6
drew with Kitchell and Howard	2-6
lost to Leonard and Lee	2-6
A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	2-6
lost to Lai and Wong	0-6
lost to Leonard and Lee	0-6
beat Kitchell and Howard	6-3

H.K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.

At Chater Road, Hong Kong Cricket Club lost to South China A.A. by 6 sets to 3.

Dr. A. H. Barwell and J. J. Ferguson (H.K.C.C.)	4-6
lost to Dew Chok-him and Ip Koon-lung	6-2
beat H. K. Ho and L. K. Ma	4-6
lost to W. T. Lee and W. H. Ho	4-6
E. Bathurst and W. H. Jowit (H.K.C.C.)	1-6
lost to Dew and Ip	1-6
lost to Ho and Ma	1-6
lost to Lee and Ho	4-6
T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan (H.K.C.C.)	6-3
beat Dew and Ip	7-5
beat Ho and Ma	2-6
lost to Lee and Ho	2-6

ARMY v. C.R.C.

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club by 7 sets to 2.

Col. L. A. Newham and Capt. Loch (Army T.C.)	4-6
lost to T. C. In and D. C. Luk	3-6
lost to K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy	4-6
lost to O. L. Pang and C. C. Luk	4-6
Col. J. S. Smith and Capt. C. H. R. Hyde (Army T.C.)	6-6
drew with Lu and Luk	6-6
drew with Ng and Choy	6-4
beat Pang and Luke	1-6
Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Whekes (Army T.C.)	1-6
lost to Lu and Luk	1-6
lost to Ng and Choy	4-6
lost to Pang and Luk	4-6

K. TONG v. C. DE R.

At Kowloon Tong, the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Club de Recreio by 6½ sets to 2½.

Frank Kwok and Lam Kwan (K.T.G.C.A.)	6-3
beat Dr. A. M. Rodrigues and B. T. Gosano	6-1
beat L. A. Carvalho and F. J. Remedios	6-1
drew with M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed	6-6
T. E. Ling and Billy Yu (K.T.G.C.A.)	6-2
beat Rodrigues and Gosano	6-2
beat Carvalho and Remedios	3-6
lost to Oliveira and Reed	6-4
M. L. J. and P. Fletcher (K.T.G.C.A.)	6-4
beat Rodrigues and Gosano	7-5
beat Carvalho and Remedios	1-6
lost to Oliveira and Reed	1-6



"C" DIVISION

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

By "Adrem"

There are six "C" Division tennis matches on the programme for this afternoon but at this stage of the season it is most difficult to discuss prospects with any authority more especially as even at a late hour yesterday afternoon, captains had still not decided on their pairings.

A preliminary survey of such teams as are available reveals some excellent players in a number of clubs and although C.R.C. and South China, due to their great experience of, and peculiar aptitude for League tennis, should again fight out the top position, they are not likely to have matters all their own way by any means.

C.R.C. LOOK GOOD

C.R.C., under the captaincy of Pang Oi-lam, one of their most promising youngsters, have a nice blend of youth and experience. In the latter category come evergreen F. K. Lau and Lu Tak-lam, players with years of League tennis behind them. This team is going to be an extremely difficult one to beat.

I like the look of the Recreio "A" team and I foresee this side causing a few upsets before the season is over, while C.B.A. are another team that the stronger outfits will do well not to disregard.

Neither K.I.T.C. nor K.C.C. appear to have the balance to do anything very much.

In a purely speculative spirit, I offer the following teams for wins today:—Recreio "A", C.R.C., C.B.A., H.K.U.T.C., H.K.P.S.A., South China! Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

PROGRAMME

A.T.C.	v	Recreio "A"
K.T.G.C.A.	v	C.R.C.
K.I.T.C.	v	C.B.A.
K.C.C.	v	H.K.U.T.C.
Jewish R.C.	v	H.K.P.S.A.
Recreio "B"	v	S. China

TEAMS

S.C.A.A.:—T. K. Leung and H. K. Ho; C. L. Liu and H. C. Chung; W. F. Lee and K. I. Chan.
Jewish R.C.:—A. R. Pollak and M. Talian; H. B. Joseph and Dr. Ramler; B. Godkin and W. J. Ciprin.
C.B.A.:—G. H. Fowler and B. I. Bickford; N. Whitley and S. A. Fowler; D. T. Smith and J. Sloan.
C.R.C.:—P. C. Chan and O. L. Pang; F. K. Lau and Lam Yuk-ying; S. L. Ma and Lu Tak-lam.
Recreio "A":—A. M. Silva and A. E. Noronha; H. F. Gonsalves and R. A. Marques; G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha.
Recreio "B":—M. A. Guterres and J. Fonseca; A. M. Alves and J. A. Soares; R. M. Soares and L. G. Gosano.
K.C.C.:—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth; J. L. Anderson and D. Hung; E. Zulau and R. E. Lee.
K.I.T.C.:—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; Firdos Khan and H. Mahan Singh; M. S. Hussain and G. Singh.
Army:—Sgt. Emmerson and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.); Cpl. Martin (R.A.S.C.) and Cpl. Boocock (R.A.O.C.); S/Sgt. Adlam (R.A.P.C.) and Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.).
Reserves:—Sgt. Denyer (R.E.), L/Cpl. Logan (R.A.S.C.) and L/Cpl. Shaw (R.E.).

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.—In a Midland soccer match played yesterday Walsall beat West Bromwich by 3-2. In Scottish Eastern Division, Dunfermline beat St. Bernards by 3-1.

HUGBY LEAGUE

In a Rugby League match, Bradford beat York by 34-13. Reuter.

HONG KONG SOFTBALLERS MAKE MERRY IN MACAO

Torrential Rainfall Fails To Dampen Party's Spirits

CONVIVIAL AFTERNOON AT HOTEL RIVEIRA

By "GRANDSTAND"

ON SUNDAY WITH A PARTY of 94 Hong Kong Softballers barnstormed Macao, where two exhibition games were played at the Canidrome.

The first game was scheduled to start at 12.15 but unfortunately the boat was a bit late in arriving and the game did not actually commence until 1 p.m. much to the annoyance of a large gathering of spectators, who waited almost an hour for the curtain to go up.

In the opening game between Portugal and the Rest Mr. H. W. Bradley, an American connected with the Chinese Maritime Customs, pitched the first ball to inaugurate softball in Macao.

Although Portugal subdued the Rest, 9-3, a good brand of softball was dished out to the Macao audience and it was a fitting introduction of the sport in the neighbouring colony.

Portugal played a brilliant game, with only two miscues, resulting perhaps as the result of the presence of their own people, who composed the majority of the spectators.

GOOD START

Portugal started off with four tallies in the first canto on two hits and three wild throws. The Rest were very jittery on the field, chalking up no fewer than eight bobbles during the fray. Even the great Bambino Dave Leonard was off colour both on the field and with the bat. He bungled three chances at the hot corner and made no hits in three times up. Three more runs in the second frame iced the tilt for Portugal. The Rest tightened their defence after the second stanza to hold the Portuguese to two counts for the rest of the game but the damage was already done and the lead too big to overcome.

ACTOR ALII

Johnny Alvares pitched good ball for Portugal, limiting the Rest to five scattered hits and walking three. Kassa Nazarin yielded seven blows to the sons of Portugal and walked two. No strike outs were registered and Bertie Gosano took batting honours with three bingles in four times up.

Best actor of the tussle was "Showboat" Ali. In the first inning he

worked Johnny Alvares for a free pass to first, pilfered second, taking a shovel full of turf as he slid, stole third in like manner and caught batterymen Alvares and Charlie Feguereido napping when he slid home safely on the throw back to the pitcher.

The girls' game, which was meant to be the main event of the tour, was a disappointment on account of rain. Soon after the men's encounter rain came down in sheets to flood the field. When the downpour subsided umpire Doc Molthen decided to call "play ball" and the femmes obeyed like real troupers despite the condition of the field.

The Rest batted first with Yvonne Yolle as the lead off batter. The ball was so wet and slippery that twirler Mary Louie, for China, had difficulty in finding the platter and putting any speed on the pellet. Yvonne connected for a safety to left field and almost had to swim, when she slid at the keystone station for a steal.

MARIE DIVES

Marie Figueiredo, who filled in for China at the left pastures, had to dive into water which was ankle deep to retrieve the ball. Yvonne crossed the counting station, dripping with mud, on Jacky Anderson's sacrifice to second base. Ding Lopes clouted a triple to left field and hapless Marie Feguereido had to go again for the ball minus that much-needed canoe!

China were blanked in their turn to bat in the first inning. In the second the Rest garnered two more runs on three hits and some swimming! Rain came down again cats and dogs in the last of the second

and Doc Molthen had to call off the contest due to force majeure.

In one inning and a half the score stood: Rest 3, China 0.

After the games the Hong Kong contingent were conveyed to the Hotel Riveira for some much-needed ablutions and those who swam in the muddy deep of the Canidrome were allowed to take shower!

At five o'clock the Riveira sextet struck up for their usual Sunday tea dance and the Softballites, who by this time had made themselves beautiful, glided into the dance hall with their respective escorts.

I did not have a partner, as it happened, but managed to have a grand time just the same... snaking!!

Tea—liquid—was passed over by the majority and Portuguese red wine and other refreshments were indulged in.

I might mention here that the majority of softballers voted later that the tea dance was the best item of a long programme, no less!

THE "BIG APPLE"

With the exception of two or three other couples the Riveira dance hall was packed with Hong Kong softball players and their followers. The party was such a success that the hotel management extended closing time for almost one hour.

A short programme was staged featuring Hal "Babyface" Winglee and Marie "Figs" Feguereido doing the big apple with all its component parts, while A.K. sang the refrain with the orchestra.

Just before closing time a big ring of Hongkongites formed around Luis Mello and "He's a jolly good fellow" was rendered loud enough to bring two Carolina moons over the mountain, in appreciation for his making the trip such a success. A grand time was had by all.

After the tea dance everybody, led by Doc Molthen and Roy Lau, went to a Chinese dinner. After a big dinner those worn out after a long day went back to the boat while the main body led by the untiring "Babyface" Winglee barged into the Central Cabaret for more trucking and Portuguese red and what have you until time to catch the 3 a.m. boat.

In closing an expression of thanks from the Hong Kong Softball League and Softballers is due to Luis Mello for the successful arrangements which made the trip a big success and the consideration he showed for the comfort and enjoyment of the party during their short stay in Macao. A million thanks Luis.

P.I. STARS IN COLONY

The advance party of a large body of Philippines sportsmen on their way north to participate in a miniature Olympic Games with other Far Eastern countries, a number of brilliant athletes arrived from Manila this morning in a British vessel.

Included in the party are Felicissimo Ampon, A. Sanchez and C. Carmona, leading P. I. tennis players, who were nominated following a round robin series of matches among the leading players. Completing the tennis team is Dr. Alfredo Diy. Ampon and Sanchez are well-known locally, and Carmona did very well in the trials, while Diy, who is coach and manager, is a likely choice for doubles.

These four players will be seen in action at Kowloon Cricket Club this afternoon where they will practice among themselves, starting at 4.30.

There is a possibility that exhibition matches with local players will be staged to-morrow provided suitable arrangements can be made.

Also at K.C.C. this afternoon will be seen part of the athletics contingent, under coach Simeon Toribio, who will loosen up on the track and will also practice for field events. It is also possible that this section will practice to-morrow at Caroline Hill.

Among others who arrived this morning are 11 basketball players, five boxers and four baseball players.

The party will remain here until Friday, when they are due to resume their voyage north.

H.K.E.R.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

Third Division (v. I.R.C. at Sookunpoo):—A. G. Gardner, R. F. Gregory, H. S. McKay, A. F. Paul (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, S. Deacon, J. K. Sloan (skip) and W. E. Baker, C. E. Gahagan, C. T. Padgett, G. G. S. Thomson (skip).

K.D.R.C. TEAM

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Dock R.C. in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v. I.R.C. at K.D.R.C.):—J. Revie, T. Coleman, J. C. Brown, J. Kempton (skip); M. Ferguson, A. M. Calman, R. Morrison, J. McKelvie (skip) and W. Houston, C. S. M. Thom, R. Lapsley, F. Cullen (skip).



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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th May, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th May, 1940.

By Order,

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

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Mainland	Feet.
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BRITAIN WITH ITS COAT OFF

London, To-day.

"The Times" emphasises the importance of Labour joining the Government.

"The Labour leaders now occupy key positions that will enable a great contribution to the prosecution of the war to be made under direct Labour leadership.

"Mr. Morrison and Mr. Bevin will know the necessity for creating an industrial labour force equal to the increasing demands of the three fighting Services and simultaneously raising them to the necessary strength in numbers and the highest efficiency in arms and equipment.

"The lives of our men and victory itself is largely in the hands of the men and women in workshops."

The "Daily Mail" says: "Industrial Britain has taken its coat off."—Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

In the opinion of British military circles, the drive through Belgium and Holland is primarily directed against Britain, rather than France.

Mass air raids are anticipated as soon as the situation in Belgium permits release of planes.

The next two or three days will be most critical.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South winds, moderate; fair generally with local showers.

ALLIES POURING INTO BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Large Anglo-French reinforcements and quantities of material have been flowing into Belgian territory for the past 48 hours.

The resistance of the Belgian troops has allowed the Allies to operate their junction in good condition and reinforce themselves on strong positions.

It is believed a formidable Allied counter-offensive will take place in which all the arms accumulated by the Allies and Belgians will be used.—Havas.

BELGIAN ENVOY'S APPEAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Baron Guillaume, the Belgian Ambassador to China, has appealed to all Belgians and friends of the Belgian people to help the Belgian Red Cross in the present tragical circumstances, when funds are urgently needed for helping thousands of innocent civilians, women and children, victims of aggression.

Contributions may be forwarded to the Belgian Embassy to China, 1300 Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, or to branches of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, for account of the Red Cross, or to Belgian consulates.—Havas.

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"All our instincts demand that the Allied armies of deliverance should sweep to revenge, but in the setting of this war that could hardly be," writes the "Daily Telegraph."

"The enemy had not only long prepared his campaign but so contrived it that his opponents were unable similarly to prepare theirs.

"It is no surprise that in the favourable conditions the enemy has a substantial initial success and that already a new and serious situation is created.

"That is very much what happened in the last war but the first advancement then failed to determine the ultimate issue."

The "Daily Express" declares the German advance is swifter than in 1914, but there is nothing surprising about that.

In 1914, invasion marched as fast as bombers could walk. Now war has wings. The bomber sets the pace in the Battle of the Meuse but it will not be decisive.

In contesting the advance through the Low Countries, the Allies are forcing on the enemy expensive losses before he faces the main defences.

The "Daily Sketch" quotes Shakespeare's "Come the three corners of the world in arms and we shall shock them" to stress the point that the history of British military successes has been to await the attack, offer stubborn resistance and then counter-attack.

"Necessarily the long-term method must result in disappointment to those who take the short view."—Reuter.

London, To-day.

"We had decided to defend the country to the utmost but I, who have received all reports, know the utmost was reached to-day," said the Dutch Commander-in-Chief confirming in a radio broadcast his orders to the army to lay down arms.

"Our soldiers fought with incomparable courage but the fight was too unequal and they have fallen in tens of thousands.

"The air force was so diminished it was incapable of supporting the troops any longer. Other means of air defence had little effect and consequently the soldiers were exposed to destruction, as were civilians, including women and children, who fell victims to warplanes.

"Rotterdam has undergone the dire fate which total war brings. Other cities would have undergone the same fate and the struggle therefore was stopped.

"For many in the Netherlands the news must have come as a shock but I felt justified, in the interests of the Dutch people."

He asked the people to have confidence in the future and maintain order, and ended: "Long live the Queen, long live the fatherland!"

In London, a Netherlands Legation official states the commander's proclamation concerns only troops engaged in the fighting and does not include Dutch naval units.—Reuter.

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